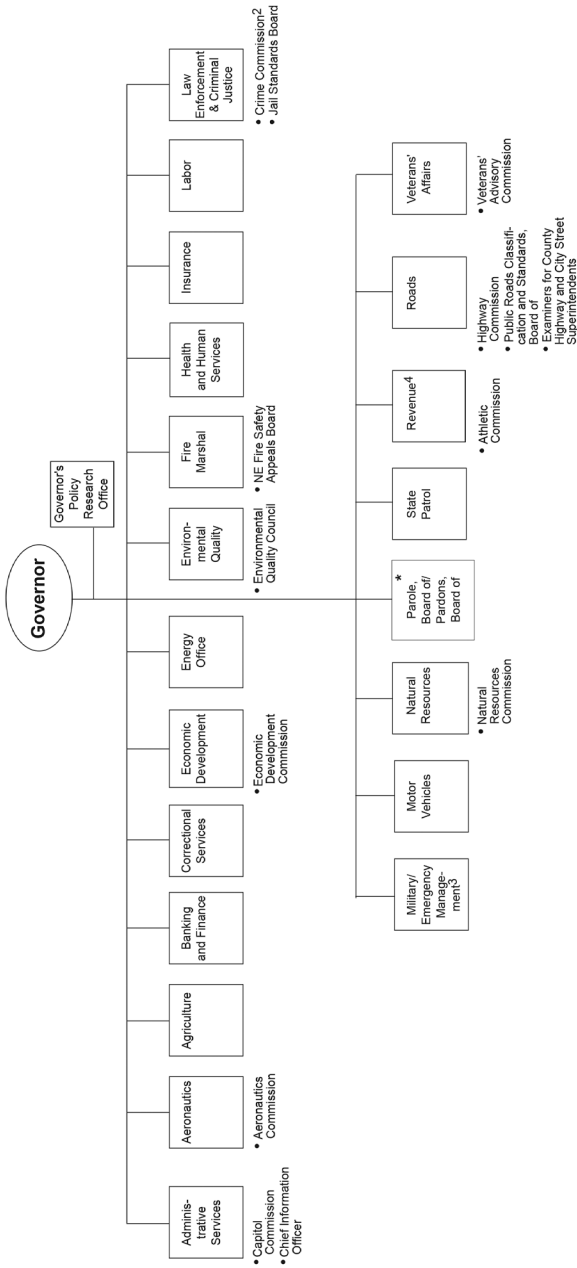


Nebraska State Government Organization — Executive Branch¹

Agencies Subject to Governor's Direct Control (Code Agencies)



¹ Source: Governor's Policy Research Office.

² Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

³ Director holds the office of Adjutant General.

⁴ Director holds the constitutional office of Tax Commissioner.

Starred items are offices and agencies established in the Nebraska Constitution.

CODE AGENCIES

Editor's Note: Code agencies are state government departments and agencies subject to the governor's direct control. The directors of these agencies serve at the pleasure of the governor and are directly accountable to him or her. These entities are full-fledged agencies, meaning they have their own staff, are affiliated with no other agency and appear as distinct items within the state budget. All statutory references in this section indicate where each entity was created — unless otherwise noted — in the Nebraska Constitution, Revised Statutes of Nebraska or both. Appointees to boards, commissions, councils, committees and other state governmental bodies serve until they resign or are replaced after their terms expire.

Administrative Services

Office Address: Room 1315, State Capitol, P.O. Box 94664, Lincoln, NE 68509-4664, phone (402) 471-2331

Acting Director: Larry Bare

Statutory References: 81-101 and 81-1103

Administrative Services, created by the 1965 Legislature, coordinates and administers the following divisions: Accounting, Budget, State Building, Task Force for Building Renewal, Communications, Employee Relations, Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Materiel, Personnel, Risk Management and State Claims, and Transportation Services Bureau.

Administrative Services:

- develops and maintains a modern budgetary, inventory and financial accounting system
- centrally directs services and service agencies
- makes the chief executive responsible for executing state financial policies and provides assistance with technical skills to achieve this
- provides for the development, planning and management of state data processing, state communications, capital facilities, transportation services and management engineering coordination.

Accounting Division

Contact Person: Hari Kadavath, Accounting Administrator, Room 1309, State Capitol, P.O. Box 94664, Lincoln, NE 68509-4664, phone (402) 471-0600

Statutory Reference: 81-1108

The Accounting Division, reorganized by the Legislature in 1969, operates and maintains the central accounting and payroll system for state agencies. The operations area is responsible for setting up vendors for accounts payable processing, creating payment groups for internal and external customers, and processing wage attachments and payroll transactions. The division creates and processes about 600,000 warrants and 2.4 million electronic payments each year, including biweekly and monthly payrolls for state employees. The division processes more than \$2 billion in federal grants for various agencies.

The systems area of the division reviews the internal controls and accounting methods used by state agencies and also monitors audit reports to evaluate agency accounting methods. The division provides direction to agencies for recording entries of payments, deposits and other transactions into the accounting system. Such transactions are subject to the division's statewide accounting policies. The division prepares a daily cash flow analysis, the state's yearly financial reports, including the audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, and obtains and processes master leasing for state agencies. The division also provides technical and functional support for the state's centralized financial system.

Budget Division

Contact Person: Gerry A. Oligmueller, State Budget Administrator, Room 1320, State Capitol, P.O. Box 94664, Lincoln, NE 68509-4664, phone (402) 471-2526

Statutory Reference: 81-1108

The Budget Division provides direction, coordination and support for state agencies in the preparation of mid-biennium and biennial budget requests. The division assists the governor in preparing the governor's state budget recommendations and administering the approved state budget.

State Building Division

Contact Person: Rodney Anderson, Administrator, State Building Division, 1526 K St., Suite 200, P.O. Box 98940, Lincoln, NE 68509-8940, phone (402) 471-2662

Statutory References: 81-1108 and 81-1108.11

The 1974 Legislature created the State Building Division to plan, construct and administer state facilities. The division's sections are facilities planning and construction, operations and maintenance, property management, security and administrative support.

Through its facilities planning and construction section, the division ensures that state funds are used wisely for construction projects, maintains building inventory and use records, plans future state buildings and analyzes capital construction requests, programs, preliminary plans and construction contracts. The planning group also helps prepare the governor's capital construction budget. The section inspects each building project and coordinates change orders, progress payments and time-cost schedule administration to ensure facilities are efficiently built. This section also facilitates the activities of the State Comprehensive Capital Facilities Planning Committee as it develops a statewide facilities master plan for all state government agencies exclusive of higher education.

The division's operations and maintenance section performs daily maintenance and operation activities of buildings. The facilities assigned to this section include the governor's residence, state office buildings in Lincoln, North Platte, Omaha, Scottsbluff and several 24-hour care facilities, such as veterans' homes and regional mental health centers.

The property management section serves as the state's leasing agent in procuring and providing for the space needs for state agencies and implements orders of the Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee which involves the sale and disposition of various buildings and real estate.

The security section maintains a safe environment for employees and visitors in the Omaha State Office Building.

The administrative support section includes management of the state parking program, conference room scheduling, coordination of the division's budget and accounting activities, personal property inventory and general support to the other sections of the division.

State Comprehensive Capital Facilities Planning Committee

Contact Person: Rodney Anderson, State Building Division, 1526 K St., Suite 200, P.O. Box 98940, Lincoln, NE 68509-8940, phone (402) 471-2662

Statutory Reference: 81-1108.41

The 1995 Legislature directed the State Building Division to develop a state comprehensive capital facilities plan. The plan projects the state's facility needs for a period of six years. To aid in developing the plan, the governor appointed the State Comprehensive Capital Facilities Planning Committee. The committee became responsible for developing planning guidelines and prioritizing projects for state agency capital construction projects. The capital facilities plan is based on the process the committee developed. The plan includes state construction projects for state agencies except the University of Nebraska and the state colleges. The plan is updated or a new plan is developed every two years.

The committee includes state agency personnel, municipal and professional planners, and citizens from across the state.

Members

Position

Joseph Acierno, Lincoln.....	Health and Human Services Department
Rodney Anderson, Lincoln.....	Administrator, State Building Division
David Cary, Lincoln.....	City Planning Department
Scott Frakes, Lincoln	Correctional Services
Barbara Gay, Columbus	Nebraska Public Power District
Rian Harkins, Fremont.....	City Planning Director
Janet Johnson, Chadron	Citizen
Randy Peters, Lincoln.....	Department of Roads

Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee

Contact Person: Larry Bare, Acting Director, Administrative Services, Room 1315, State Capitol, P.O. Box 94664, Lincoln, NE 68509-4664, phone (402) 471-2331

Statutory Reference: 72-812

The Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee reviews potential vacant state-owned buildings or excess land and determines how the buildings or lands should be used, including possible rental, sale or demolition. Once a building or piece of land is declared vacant, the department assumes responsibility for maintenance and disposition of that building or land. The building or land is then disposed of or reused as directed by the committee. If the committee decides to sell the building or land, the director of administrative services disposes of it in the state's best interests.

The director of administrative services, the Task Force for Building Renewal administrator and the State Building Division administrator are permanent committee members. In addition, a fourth, nonvoting member is the director of the agency

responsible for any vacant building or excess land for which action is needed. Members serve at the governor's pleasure.

Member**Position**

Rodney Anderson, Lincoln.....	Administrator, State Building Division
Larry Bare, Lincoln.....	Acting Director of Administrative Services
Ron Rehtus, Lincoln.....	Interim Administrator, Task Force for Building Renewal

Task Force for Building Renewal

Contact Person: Ron Rehtus, Interim Administrator, Task Force for Building Renewal, 1526 K St., Suite 210, P.O. Box 94876, Lincoln, NE 68509-4876, phone (402) 471-3047

Statutory Reference: 81-174

The 1977 Legislature created the Task Force for Building Renewal, also known as the LB309 Task Force, to prioritize deferred maintenance projects in state-owned facilities. The task force reviews, classifies and recommends funding to the governor for deferred maintenance projects, as requested by state agencies. The task force's main responsibility is to fund projects for deferred maintenance, remove barriers for people with disabilities, complete fire and life safety upgrades and provide for energy conservation improvements within existing state-owned facilities.

The director of administrative services appoints an administrator as the task force's chief officer. The administrator may have up to four consultants, plus an architect on staff, to provide evaluations of requests and recommendations.

Member**Position**

Gina Alber-Cacek, Adams.....	Training Coordinator
Gloria Eddins, Lincoln.....	Projects Manager
Chris Kreikemeier, Waverly.....	Consultant
Earl McClintock, Lincoln.....	Consultant
Richard Noel, Lincoln.....	Consultant
Ron Rehtus, Lincoln.....	Interim Task Force Administrator

Central Services Division

Contact Person: Roger Wilson, Administrator, 1526 K St., Lincoln, NE 68509, phone (402) 471-1638, email address — roger.wilson@nebraska.gov

Statutory References: 81-1108 and 81-1101

The Central Services Division provides finance, human resources and legal services to all Department of Administrative Services divisions. Legal services is organized under the Central Services Division, but the general counsel reports directly to the director of Administrative Services. Services provided by the division include, but are not limited to:

- financial services of monthly invoices and bill paying
- oversight of all division budgets and finances and coordination of each division's budget and rate setting
- coordination of bi-weekly payroll, hiring, on-boarding and all personnel related issues
- provision of legal services for personnel matters, vendor contracts, collections

and any litigation or claims against the department

Division of Employee Relations

Contact Person: William J. Wood, Employee Relations Administrator, Division of Employee Relations, 1526 K St., P.O. Box 95061, Lincoln, NE 68509-5061, phone (402) 471-4106

Chief Negotiator: William J. Wood

Statutory Reference: 81-1108 and 81-1376

The Division of Employee Relations first operated as part of the Department of Personnel. In 1992, the Legislature merged the Department of Personnel into the Department of Administrative Services and created a separate Division of Employee Relations. The chief negotiator, who is appointed by the governor and serves at the governor's pleasure, administers the division. Duties of the chief negotiator include: negotiating and administering all labor contracts involving agencies subject to the state personnel system; developing and coordinating the state's approach to labor relations by consulting, training and other activities; coordinating and processing employee grievance appeals and developing and coordinating surveys used to develop wage and benefit comparability data for collective bargaining purposes.

Office of the Chief Information Officer

Contact Person: Brenda L. Decker, Chief Information Officer, 501 S. 14th St., Lincoln NE 68508, phone (402) 471-3717

Statutory Reference: 86-519

The chief information officer is appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Legislature. The Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO), created by the 1998 Legislature, works with the Nebraska Information Technology Commission (NITC)¹ to ensure cost-effective and efficient use of state resources and investments in information technology. The office assists the NITC and its councils in preparing a statewide technology plan and strategies for using information technology.

The CIO must help the governor and Legislature with evaluating technology-related budget requests and recommends policies and guidelines. Statute also requires the CIO to monitor the status of major noneducational technology projects in state government. The CIO also coordinates efforts among noneducational agencies and works with departments to evaluate and act upon opportunities to more efficiently and effectively deliver government services through the use of information technology.

The 2006 Legislature changed the duties of the Office of the Chief Information Officer. The office now provides oversight for the division of communications and the information management services division.

The 1975 Legislature established the Division of Communications. By this act, the Legislature expanded the scope and authority of the Telecommunications Bureau, which had functioned as the telecommunications coordinating agency since 1967. The Information Management Services Division first operated as part of the Accounting

¹For more information about the Nebraska Information Technology Commission, see Page 730.

Office. In 1967, the Legislature made it a separate division. The 1998 Legislature changed the division's name from Central Data Processing to Information Management Services. In 1999, the Intergovernmental Data Services Division was made a part of IMS.

The added responsibilities for IMS include managing the county automation project and coordinating other activities relating to automation of intergovernmental functions. Services offered are provided at cost through revolving funds.

Enterprise Computing Services - Applications Development

Contact Person: Jim Ohmberger, Administrator, Enterprise Computing Services - Applications Development, 501 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68508-2707, phone (402) 471-4348

Enterprise Computing Services - Applications Development builds large-scale information systems for State agencies. The administrator also is responsible for business continuity and disaster recovery planning, security policy and project management.

Intergovernmental Data Services

Contact Person: Tim Cao, Administrator, Intergovernmental Data Services, 501 S. 14th Street, Lincoln, NE 68509, phone (402) 471-3031

Major duties of the Intergovernmental Data Services Program include management of the State's AS/400 computer network that serves county and state offices and oversight of statewide applications that will use that system. It is the mission of the Intergovernmental Data Services Program to promote opportunities for improved service or efficiency in the public sector by encouraging interagency and intergovernmental data sharing through facilitation, coordination, oversight, or implementation of projects.

I.T. Financial and Customer Management Services

Contact Person: Steve Schafer, Administrator, I.T. Financial and Customer Management Services, 501 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68509-5045, phone (402) 471-4385

The purpose of the IT financial solutions area is to align fiscal resources to achieve the strategies of the OCIO. Activities include cost recovery planning, rate setting, asset management, contracts, enterprise licensing, and reviews of agency purchases of information technology goods and services. Assisting with customer service and business development is another vital responsibility.

Network Services

Contact Person: Jayne L. Scofield, Administrator, Network Services, 501 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68509-5045, phone (402) 471-3454

Network Services Team is responsible for end to end support from your desktop through the wide area network. This includes voice and wireless services, desktop, server, cabling, VPN's, firewalls, video conferencing, public safety communication and wide area network services. These services include the design, planning, coordination of installation and support of those services. The mission of Network Services is to provide efficient, economical and reliable telecommunications services. The administrator also is responsible for providing support to the NITC.

Technology Support Services

Contact Person: Beverlee A. Bornemeier, Administrator, Technology Support Services, 501 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68509-5045, phone (402) 471-0718

The Technology Support Services functional area consists of several service groups including: Help Desk, Directory Services, Web Development, Mid-Range Systems, Distributed Computing Support and Enterprise Computing Services (ECS) Systems. ECS Systems operates mainframe computers and maintains the massive data stores required to conduct State business.

Materiel Division

Contact Person: Bo Botelho, Administrator, Materiel Division, 1526 K St., P.O. Box 94847, Lincoln, NE 68509-4847, phone (402) 471-0972

Statutory References: 81-1108 and 81-1118

The role of the Materiel Division was established by the 1969 Legislature, which gave the division its responsibility as state purchasing agent. Division offices for surplus property, purchasing and general services (later known as office services) were created. The division was given control of state inventories in 1974.

The division was given authority to obtain leases of articles — including real property — for state agencies in 1975. Leasing of real property was transferred to the State Building Division by the 1992 Legislature for the purpose of consolidating state building leases.

In 1977, the Nebraska Supreme Court ruled that the division's central purchasing and disposal program for property did not apply to the University of Nebraska Board of Regents or the university.

The 1981 Legislature created a forms management center under the division responsible for the form and content of state agency forms, surveys and other documents. In 1983, the office was eliminated and its responsibilities delegated to the agency level.

Printing of state documents before 1919 was established by various acts that had state executive officers as the head of the Bureau of Printing board. Purchasing agent responsibilities were expanded in 1919 to include the Bureau of Printing, which is now known as the State Print Shop.

In 1943, the Legislature made the purchasing agent a governor-appointed position and gave the agent administrative powers over the state's central mailing service. A postage metering machine was installed, and since July 1, 1943, all official outgoing mail from the State Capitol, and later from the Nebraska State Office Building, has been metered and dispatched by this central mailing service. The central mail operation is responsible for transporting material, tracking shipments and making freight claims.

The State Purchasing Bureau buys articles needed by state agencies, except the University of Nebraska. The 1947 Legislature gave the agent authority to buy and sell state surplus property. The State Surplus Property section is responsible for disposing the state's surplus property and maintaining inventory records.

The 1965 Legislature transferred this agency from the state tax commissioner to Administrative Services as the Purchasing Division. The Legislature gave the agent jurisdiction over state university and normal schools' purchasing departments. These

functions then transferred to the newly created Materiel Division in 1965.

The Copy Services area purchases and places copier requirements.

The 1992 Legislature transferred the responsibility of the State Government Recycling Program from the Energy Office to the Materiel Division.

The Office Supply Bureau provides agencies with office supplies, paper and forms.

Personnel Division

Contact Person: Ruth Jones, Director, Personnel Division, 1526 K St., Suite 100, P.O. Box 94905, Lincoln, NE 68509-4905, phone (402) 471-2833

Statutory References: 81-1108 and 81-1303

The Personnel Division was created in 1967 as the Department of Personnel. The 1992 Legislature made the department part of Administrative Services. The division administers the state personnel system, which has 13,837 state employees in 57 classified agencies and 2,443 employees in 17 nonclassified agencies. The division:

- maintains a job classification and pay system for state employees
- provides state agencies with qualified job applicants
- promulgates and enforces personnel rules and regulations
- administers an employee grievance appeal procedure
- promulgates and enforces affirmative action rules and regulations
- provides state-sponsored training and development opportunities
- maintains the Human Resource Management System
- administers state benefits

The division is led by a Director of Personnel, who is appointed by the AS director. The division is composed of the Affirmative Action Office, Classification/Compensation, Employee Services, Recruitment and Talent Development and Retention units.

Affirmative Action Office

Contact Person: Andy Russell, Affirmative Action Coordinator, 1526 K St., Suite 100, P.O. Box 94905, Lincoln, NE 68509-4905, phone (402) 471-4165

Statutory Reference: 81-1357

The Affirmative Action Office oversees affirmative action programs for individual state agencies. The office also provides counseling and technical assistance to state agencies, employees and applicants, along with rule and regulation enforcement governing affirmative action plans. Additionally, the office is responsible for helping employees, state agencies and applicants with Americans With Disabilities Act employment issues.

The affirmative action program works to ensure all citizens are given fair and equal state government employment and advancement opportunities regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, marital status or physical or mental disability.

Classification/Compensation Unit

Contact Person: Josh Stafursky, Classification and Compensation Administrator, 1526 K St., Suite 100, P.O. Box 94905, Lincoln, NE 68509-4905, phone (402) 471-4165

The Classification/Compensation Unit maintains the State Classification and Pay Plan by analyzing and approving agency requests for position reclassification and salary

grade adjustments. The unit maintains class specifications for nearly 1,200 job classes and determines salary ranges essential for attracting and retaining qualified employees. A revised classification and pay-plan booklet is issued annually. The unit is responsible for the State Personnel Rules and training on rule subjects, such as overtime and performance evaluation. The unit also develops and publishes the *Personnel Almanac*, which contains history and statistics about the state government work force. The unit conducts annual salary surveys of local and regional employers' wages and benefits and publishes a *Salary Survey* booklet. The unit also is responsible for researching statistics regarding benefits and wages for use in the collective bargaining process.

Employee Services Unit

Contact Person: Stacey Dvorak, Programs and Marketing Manager, 1526 K St., Suite 100, P.O. Box 94905, Lincoln, NE 68509-4905, phone (402) 471-4112

The Employee Services Unit manages annual employee recognition programs, coordinates the annual Charitable Giving campaign and other charitable drives, coordinates the state employee discount program, oversees the statewide employee suggestion system and interprets and oversees the vendor solicitation policy.

Recruitment Unit

Contact Person: Vicki Logan, Recruitment Manager, 1526 K St., Suite 100, P.O. Box 94905, Lincoln, NE 68509-4905, phone (402) 471-4458

The Recruitment Unit helps agencies with their staffing needs, including recruiting, selecting, interviewing and hiring qualified candidates. Agencies, except those exempted from the personnel system, are required to post all vacancies with the unit to ensure equal opportunity. Staff in this unit help agencies in developing recruiting plans, offering services such as writing job advertisements, posting positions, Internet recruiting and attending college recruitment events, as well as fulfilling other specific recruiting needs. The staff is available to develop selection tools, offer screening services and assist agencies in selecting a top group of qualified candidates.

The unit operates the Specialized Office Services (SOS), a temporary employment program that helps agencies hire temporary help during peak work periods or employee leaves. SOS is the clearinghouse and approval source for all temporary employment requests and is a liaison with contractual temporary agencies. SOS is responsible for providing payroll and benefit services to the employees of this program.

Training and Development

Contact Person: Dovi Mueller, Training and Development Administrator, 1526 K St., Suite 100, P.O. Box 94905, Lincoln, NE 68509-4905, phone (402) 471-4465

The Training and Development Unit offers training and development opportunities to agencies and employees. Through coordinated learning and development - with an emphasis in management and leadership, human capital management, change management and technical skills - the Training and Development Unit supports agencies and employees in creating an environment of innovation and effectiveness. The unit aims to support the agencies in obtaining higher productivity, improved customer service, increased employee satisfaction and improved morale.

State Personnel Board

Contact Person: Ruth Jones, Director, Personnel Division, 1526 K St., Suite 100, P.O. Box 94905, Lincoln, NE 68509-4905, phone (402) 471-2833

Statutory Reference: 81-1318

The State Personnel Board enters decisions on employee grievance appeals for employees covered by the classified system, whether or not the employee is covered by a collective bargaining agreement. Effective June 1, 1994, employees covered by the NAPE/AFSCME Labor Contract have the option to choose whether to have their appeal heard under this system or by an arbitrator under the voluntary final and binding arbitration process.

The board also approves rules and regulations promulgated by the director of personnel and provides legal advice regarding state personnel matters.

The five-member board is appointed by the governor and approved by the Legislature for five-year terms. No more than three members may be from the same political party. At least three appointees must have experience in personnel administration, business or public administration, labor relations or law. State employees may not be appointed to the board. The board meets monthly. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses.

Member

Term Expires

Wayne Boyd, South Sioux City (R) ²	Aug. 4, 2017
Amber A. Brown, Kearney (D)	Aug. 4, 2013
Lucinda Glen, Hastings (D)	Aug. 4, 2016
Samuel F. Seever, Lincoln (R).....	Aug. 4, 2014
Brian J. Tessman, Omaha (R)	Aug. 4, 2015

Employee Wellness and Benefits

Contact Person: Josh Stafursky, Administrator, Employee Wellness and Benefits, 1526 K St., Suite 110, P.O. Box 94905, Lincoln, NE 68509-4905, phone (402) 471-2832

The Employee Wellness and Benefits Unit researches and administers health, welfare and wellness programs offered to state employees. The office assists state employees with enrollment and participation in state-sponsored wellness and benefit programs and provides tools, resources and structure for employees to invest in their personal health. The Wellness and Benefits Unit also maintains compliance with governing federal legislation and vendor contractual obligations.

Risk Management and State Claims Division

Contact Person: Shannon M. Anderson, State Risk Manager, 1526 K St., Suite 220, P.O. Box 94974, Lincoln, NE 68509-4974, phone (402) 471-4436, fax (402) 471-2800, email address — shannon.anderson@nebraska.gov

Statutory Reference: 81-8,239.01 and 81-1108

The state risk manager is responsible for identifying and implementing the most economical and effective methods to reduce the exposure of the state and its employees

² Political party affiliation: R=Republican, D=Democrat.

to personal injury, property damage and legal liability through loss control, loss elimination and, where possible, transfer of costs. Measures include purchasing insurance, identifying resource services for agencies and coordinating nonlitigation legal services.

There are three broad functions of the state's Risk Management Program: State Claims Board,³ Workers' Compensation/Safety and Insurance/Self-Insurance.

The division administers: the State Tort Claims Act; the State Miscellaneous Claims Act; the State Contract Claims Act; the state workers' compensation program; and the state risk management, indemnification, insurance, self-insurance and bonding programs.

Transportation Services Bureau

Contact Persons: Steve Sulek, Administrator and Mike Moerer, Operations Manager, Transportation Services Bureau, 14th and M streets, P.O. Box 95025, Lincoln, NE 68509-5025, phone (402) 471-2897, fax (402) 471-2999

Statutory Reference: 81-1008

The 1969 Legislature created the Transportation Services Bureau, which provides service and guidance to state agencies in the use, operation and service of state-owned vehicles and the use of privately owned vehicles used for state purposes.

Department of Aeronautics

Office Address: 3431 Aviation Road, Suite 150, Lincoln Airport, Lincoln, NE 68524, phone (402) 471-2371

Director: Ronnie D. Mitchell

Statutory Reference: 3-103

Publications: *Nebraska Airport Directory*, *PIREPS* (a bi-monthly newsletter)

Navigational Aids Division

The Navigational Aids Division installs, operates and maintains Nebraska's Aeronautical Radio Navigation, Communication and Aviation Weather Reporting Network. This network consists of:

- eight VHF Omni Directional Radio Range facilities at Beatrice, Broken Bow, Cozad, Kearney, Ogallala, Scribner/Fremont, Tekamah and Thedford
- five pieces of distance-measuring equipment at Thedford, Beatrice, Broken Bow, Ogallala and Scribner/Fremont
- 20 nondirectional radio beacons at Albion, Bassett, Burwell, Cambridge, Chapell, Darr, Fairbury, Fairmont, Falls City, Gordon, Grant, Hebron, Holdrege, Millard (in west Omaha), Nebraska City, Ord, Oshkosh, Plattsmouth, Seward, Valentine, Wahoo, Wayne, Whitney, Willow Island and York
- 19 Automated Weather Observation Station (AWOS III) facilities at Ainsworth, Albion, Aurora, Beatrice, Blair, Fremont, Hebron, Holdrege, Kimball, Lexington, Millard, Nebraska City, O'Neill, Ogallala, Plattsmouth, Thedford, Wahoo, Wayne and York

The division also maintains the division office, maintenance shop and warehouse

³For more information about the State Claims Board, see Page 720.

in Kearney; coordinates the state runway lighting program; acquires federal equipment for government use; and coordinates activities and programs with the Federal Aviation Administration, the National Weather Service and cities and towns involved.

Planning and Engineering Division

The Planning and Engineering Division oversees all phases of the Federal Aviation Administration's grant program for general aviation airports. This includes applications, inspections, review of construction plans and specifications, and payment approval. Federal funds used to develop Nebraska general aviation airports must pass through the Department of Aeronautics.

Other duties include administration of state-aid grants, revolving hangar and fuel-storage loans, pavement preservation grants, airport safety and pavement inspections, preparing annual DBE programs, licensing public-use airports, issuing building permits for structures over 150 feet, airport layout plan review, state airport system planning, review of notices of construction that obstructs airports and helping communities with height-restriction zoning. The division also manages a crack and joint filling program and a marking program.

State-Owned Airfields Division

The State-Owned Airfield Division runs Nebraska's state-owned airfields at Fairmont, Harvard and Scribner. The division leases available land and buildings at these sites, as well as at the site of the closed Bruning Airbase.

Flight Operations and Aviation Services Division

The Operations Division operates three aircraft dedicated to providing transportation for state agencies. This includes the governor, his staff, and officials from state agencies, the University of Nebraska (Lincoln, Omaha and Kearney), the University Board of Regents, the University of Nebraska Medical Center and other state entities.

In addition to providing transportation, the Operations Division performs the following duties:

- publishing the Nebraska Airport Directory. The directory is issued at no charge to pilots and other aviation interests. It is published every two years and covers Nebraska and portions of states bordering Nebraska
- publishing an aviation newsletter, *PIREPS*. This newsletter is published 6 times a year and addresses aviation news and items of interest to the flying public in Nebraska. It is mailed free of charge to anyone wishing to receive the publication and is available electronically.
- registering private airports.
- conducting aviation education and career activities, including an aviation summer youth camp and an aviation art contest. The division also participates in aviation career fairs to promote career opportunities available in aviation.
- working with communities to advance airline service in Nebraska

The Operations Division also conducts precision aerial photo flights, which meet

federal project standards for the Department of Roads. A specially-modified, state-owned Piper Navajo is used to conduct the photo flights.

Nebraska Aeronautics Commission

Contact Person: Therese Wachter, Chairperson, P.O. Box 82088, Lincoln, NE 68501-2088, phone (402) 471-2371

Statutory Reference: 3-104

The Nebraska Aeronautics Commission advises the director. The commission:

- allocates state and federal airport construction and maintenance funds
- designates airport sites
- authorizes the state’s purchase of aircraft
- approves pilots to work for the state
- helps the department director develop regulations and policies

The commission also advises the governor in appointing the director of the Department of Aeronautics.

The commission has five members who are appointed by the governor to five-year terms. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses. The commission meets approximately seven times per year.

Members	Term Expires
Dorothy Anderson, Holdrege.....	March 1, 2018
Michael Cook, Bellevue.....	March 1, 2017
Diana Smith, Beatrice.....	March 1, 2019
Doug Vap, McCook.....	March 1, 2016
Therese “Terri” Wachter, Pierce.....	March 1, 2015

Nebraska Licensed Airports, 2014*

Municipal Airports

City	Airport	City	Airport	City	Airport
Ainsworth	Ainsworth Regional	Fremont.....	Fremont Municipal	Omaha.....	Eppeley Airfield
Albion	Albion Municipal	Genoa.....	Genoa Municipal	Omaha.....	Millard Airport
Alliance	Alliance Municipal	Gordon.....	Gordon Municipal	O'Neill.....	O'Neill Municipal John L.
Alma	Alma Municipal	Gothenburg	Quinn Field		Baker Field
Anapahoe	Anapahoe Municipal	Grand Island.....	Central Nebraska Regional	Ord.....	Evelyn Sharp Field
Atkinson.....	Stuart-Atkinson Municipal	Grant	Grant Municipal	Oshkosh.....	Garden County Airport
Auburn.....	Farington Field	Hartington.....	Hartington Municipal	Pawnee City.....	Pawnee City Municipal
Aurora	Aurora Municipal	Hastings.....	Hastings Municipal	Pender	Pender Municipal
Bassett.....	Rock County Airport	Hay Springs.....	Hay Springs Municipal	Plattsmouth.....	Plattsmouth Municipal
Beatrice	Beatrice Municipal	Hebron	Hebron Municipal	Red Cloud.....	Red Cloud Municipal
Blair	Blair Municipal	Holdrege	Brewster Field	Rushville.....	Modisett Field
Bloomfield.....	Bloomfield Municipal	Hyannis.....	Grant County Airport	Sargent	Sargent Municipal
Broken Bow	Broken Bow Municipal	Imperial.....	Imperial Municipal	Scottsbluff	Western Nebraska Regional
Burwell.....	Cram Field	Kearney.....	Kearney Regional	Seward.....	Seward Municipal
Cambridge.....	Cambridge Municipal	Kimball.....	Robert E. Arraj Field	Sidney.....	Sidney Municipal
Central City	Central City Municipal	Lexington.....	Jim Kelly Field	Superior.....	Superior Municipal
Chadron	Chadron Municipal	Lincoln.....	Lincoln Airport	Tecumseh	Tecumseh Municipal
Chappell.....	Billy G. Ray Field	Loup City.....	Loup City Municipal	Tekamah.....	Tekamah Municipal
Columbus	Columbus Municipal	McCook.....	McCook Ben Nelson	Thedford.....	Thomas County Airport
Cozad	Cozad Municipal		Regional	Trenton.....	Trenton Municipal
Creighton.....	Creighton Municipal	Minden.....	Pioneer Village Field	Valentine.....	Miller Field
Crete	Crete Municipal	Nebraska City.....	Nebraska City Municipal	Wahoo	Wahoo Municipal
Curtis	Curtis Municipal	Neligh	Antelope County Airport	Wallace	Wallace Municipal
David City.....	David City Municipal	Norfolk	Norfolk Regional	Wayne	Wayne Municipal
Fairbury.....	Fairbury Municipal	North Platte.....	North Platte Regional	York.....	York Municipal
Falls City.....	Brenner Field	Ogallala	Searle Field		

Privately Owned Public Use Airports

City	Airport	City	Airport
Omaha	North Omaha Airport	South Sioux City.....	Martin Field

U.S. Government Airport¹

City	Airport	City	Landing Area
Bellevue.....	Offutt Air Force Base	Alma	Harlan County Lake SPB

Seaplane Base

State Government Airports

City	Airport	City	Airport
Fairmont.....	Fairmont State Airfield	Scribner.....	Scribner State Airport
Harvard.....	Harvard State Airfield		

* Source: Nebraska Department of Aeronautics.

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Assistant Director: Bobbie Kriz-Wickham

Statutory Reference: 81-101

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture regulates and works as an advocate for agriculture.

The department was one of six administrative departments created by the Civil Administrative Code Law of 1919. The department was divided into the Bureau of Animal Industry; Bureau of Food, Drugs and Oil; Bureau of Markets and Marketing; Division of Game and Fish; and Clerical and Records Division. In 1933, the department's name was changed to the Department of Agriculture and Inspection. In 1963, it became the Department of Agriculture and Economic Development. In 1967, it became the Department of Agriculture.

The department's duties and organization have changed significantly since 1919. The Division of Game and Fish separated from the department in 1929, and drug inspection was removed in 1941. Licensing of itinerant merchants was removed in 1955.

Many regulatory functions were added to the department's duties. Besides original laws providing for the inspection of all petroleum sold within the state, collection of state gasoline and special fuel taxes was added in 1941, as well as petroleum transport truck regulation and licensing and administration of the Agricultural Refund Law. (Petroleum transport truck regulation and licensing and the Agricultural Refund Law are no longer under the department's jurisdiction.) Licensing of livestock sale rings and frozen food lockers also were added. In 1945, the Division of Potato Development became part of the department.

The 1947 Legislature added the Cigarette Tax Division and the Nebraska Resources Division to the department. It also called for slaughterhouse inspection and antifreeze testing.

The 1955 Legislature added the Oil and Gas Severance Tax Division. The Division of Wheat Development, Utilization and Marketing also was added in 1955, but it later became an agency of its own.

The 1957 Legislature created the Weather Control Commission and assigned its administrative functions to the department.

In 1961, the Legislature created the Auction Livestock Market Board to help administer the auction market licensing law. Corrective legislation in 1963 made several changes, including changing the name to the Livestock Auction Market Board.

In 1965, the Legislature removed petroleum tax collection and inspection and the cigarette and oil severance tax collections from the department.

Also in 1965, the Legislature established the Division of Dairy Trade Practices (no longer a part of the department) and created a predatory animal control program. It authorized the director of agriculture to participate in a rural rehabilitation educational program to help needy farm and ranch youth with education beyond high school.

The 1967 Legislature removed the Resources Division and its role in economic development from the Department of Agriculture and created a new Department of Economic Development. The Legislature also transferred tractor permit and enforcement responsibility from the Railway Commission to the Department of Agriculture.

In 1982, the Legislature discontinued the Weather Control Commission and directed the Department of Agriculture to assume the commission's duties.

In 1988, the Legislature passed the Farm Mediation Act to give agricultural borrowers and lenders a way to resolve financial disputes without litigation. The governor designated the Department of Agriculture to administer the act.

In 1993, the Legislature passed the Nebraska Pesticide Act. This legislation gave the department authority to regulate pesticides in Nebraska.

In 1996, the Legislature repealed the weather modification laws and declared that after Jan. 1, 1997, no new weather control districts could be formed.

In 1998, the Legislature repealed the laws relating to weather control districts and gave natural resources districts the authority to establish weather modification programs. Also in 1998, the Legislature enacted the Buffer Strip Act, which provided incentives to landowners to establish buffer strips on certain types of lands to help reduce the levels of sediment, crop nutrients and pesticides being introduced into surface water resources.

In 1999, the Bureau of Animal Industry was given the authority to establish a more comprehensive Domesticated Cervine Animal Act. That year, the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act, directed and developed by the Beginning Farmer Board, also was created to strengthen and share resources between new and established producers.

The Commercial Dog and Cat Operation Inspection Act and the Agricultural Opportunities and Value-Added Partnerships Act were enacted in 2000.

In 2002, the Legislature passed the Agricultural Suppliers Lease Protection Act. The act established a system for resolution of lease disputes arising between railroad property owners and agribusiness tenants and guard against unreasonable lease renewal terms or unjust lease termination.

In 2003, the Legislature enacted a disease control and eradication program for scrapie in sheep. The Legislature also passed a law authorizing the director of agriculture to establish a process to recognize and assist efforts by counties to maintain or expand their livestock sectors. The director is authorized to designate a county as a livestock friendly county.

In 2005, the Legislature re-enacted the Agricultural Opportunities Value-Added Partnerships Act with the Department of Agriculture providing assistance to the Department of Economic Development in administering the act.

The 2006 Legislature enacted a law to regulate exotic animal auctions and swap meets and expanded the Nebraska Poultry Disease Control Act relating to avian influenza in poultry.

In 2007, the Legislature amended the Commercial Dog and Cat Operator Inspection Act by adding additional requirements and enforcement powers, provided for mediation of fence disputes by the farm mediation service when the adjoining land is utilized as agricultural or horticultural land, adopted a new Bovine Tuberculosis Act and changed

the Nebraska Brand Committee to include the Director of Agriculture or his or her designee an ex-officio member. The Legislature also required the Department of Agriculture, for promotion purposes, to collect an excise tax on grapes sold or delivered in Nebraska, established the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force relating to vegetation management and treatment with the Department of Agriculture providing administrative assistance, and authorized the Department of Agriculture to award grants for management of vegetation to improve streamflow in natural streams.

The 2008 Legislature adopted the Food Supply Animal Veterinarian Incentive Program Act to encourage veterinarians to locate in rural Nebraska and practice food supply animal veterinarian medicine.

In 2009, the Legislature extended the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force's responsibilities for four more years to June 30, 2013. In addition, the Legislature adopted a new Anthrax Control Act.

The 2010 Legislature expanded the Pesticide Act to include licensing of the aerial pesticide applicator business. In addition, the Legislature repealed assessment of an excise tax on corn and grain sorghum to be used for water resources purposes for the period of Oct. 1, 2012 through Sept. 30, 2019.

In 2011, the Legislature repealed the Agricultural Opportunities and Value-Added Partnerships Act. In addition, the Legislature required the Department of Agriculture to adopt a standard for all honey produced by honey bees. The department also was required to provide a report by Nov. 15, 2011 on actions necessary to implement a state meat and poultry inspection program. The Legislature also eliminated the Nebraska Railway Council, on which a representative of the department served as a member.

In 2012, the Legislature created the Nebraska Invasive Species Council, which includes a representative of the Department of Agriculture.

In 2013, the Legislature eliminated the Livestock Auction Market Board. In addition, the Legislature imposed notification and testing requirements in relation to bovine trichomoniasis in beef or dairy breeding bulls and imposed restrictions on sales or transportation of bulls having a laboratory confirmation of this disease. The Legislature also extended the Riparian Vegetation Management Task Force's authority to June 30, 2015.

The Legislature in 2014 enacted the Exotic Animal Auction or Exchange Venue Act, establishing new requirements on sales of exotic animals and organizers of such events. The Legislature also required the department to provide a report on the dairy industry in Nebraska. Legislation was enacted allowing the growth and cultivation of industrial hemp for research purposes under set parameters and providing the department authority to adopt regulations.

With the 2013-2015 budget, the Legislature approved an agency realignment of the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. This realignment consisted of combining the agency's nine divisions into four focus areas, as follows: Administration and Laboratory are now in the Administration - Shared Services Focus Area; Ag Promotion and Development, Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization and Marketing and Potato Development are now included in the Ag Promotion and Development Focus Area; the Bureau of Animal Industry and the Bureau of Plant Industry are now included in the Animal and Plant Health Protection Focus Area; and the Bureau of Dairies and

Foods and the Bureau of Weights and Measures are now included in the Food Safety and Consumer Protection Focus Area.

Administration - Shared Services

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The Administration - Shared Services Focus Area administers numerous programs within the department. The director and his or her support staff provide leadership, management, direction and supervision to the entire agency.

The Data Center is responsible for providing technical computer services to the agency, including training and support.

Legal provides legal support and advice to the agency regarding regulatory and advocacy activities.

Finance and Personnel provides support services to the director and all divisions in accounting, auditing, budgeting, payroll, personnel and legislative fiscal information. Fiscal services and fee collection are performed for the commodity checkoff programs through administrative service contracts.

The Department of Agriculture works closely with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office.

Agriculture Laboratories

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In 1967, the Department of Agriculture Laboratory was removed from the Bureau of Dairies, Foods and Drugs and given independent division status. Another reorganization in 1975 incorporated the Livestock Disease Control Laboratory and the Seed Laboratory into the Laboratory Division. In 1999, these two sections were combined into one laboratory. The laboratories are known collectively as the Department of Agriculture Laboratories. In 2004, the Livestock Disease Control Laboratory was closed. Brucellosis, the main pathogen tested in this section, was eradicated from Nebraska in 1995. Sample numbers have decreased substantially since that time. Those desiring a brucellosis test now send samples out of state.

In 2007, the Seed Laboratory merged with the Nebraska Crop Improvement Association (NCIA) and testing functions now take place at the NCIA laboratory at 267 Plant Science Hall.

The laboratory serves several department focus areas by performing chemical, physical, bacteriological, microscopical and serological analyses. These are used to evaluate foods, beverages, feeds, fertilizers, agricultural lime, seeds, dairy products and environmental samples.

The major divisions of the Agriculture Laboratories are as follows:

Dairies and Foods Laboratory. This laboratory is required to test Grade A milk and milk products and manufacturing milk and milk products. Samples are analyzed for bacteria, somatic cell count, drug residues, proper pasteurization and other parameters.

In addition, water from dairy operations and plants is tested for certain microbiological parameters.

Other food products are analyzed to see if they meet federal laws and manufacturers' label statements. These foods can be analyzed for such things as sodium, fat, cholesterol, dietary fiber, sugars, vitamins, pesticides and pathogenic and nonpathogenic bacteria, along with other parameters. This laboratory also tests foods submitted by the Health and Human Services' State Epidemiologist and other health organizations when a food-borne illness outbreak or bioterrorist act is suspected. The laboratory also is part of the Food Emergency Response Network, a national network of laboratories that maintain homeland security readiness.

Feed, Fertilizer and Agricultural Lime Laboratory. Feeds are analyzed to verify the accuracy of a manufacturer's guarantees. Adulterations, such as drug residues and mycotoxins, are analyzed as needed. Fertilizers are analyzed to see if they match the manufacturer's declared percentage of primary and secondary plant nutrients. Testing for adulterants also is performed when needed. Agricultural lime samples are tested and compared for fineness and effective calcium carbonate equivalence. Animal feed products also are tested for prohibited materials, those feed ingredients not allowed to be placed in feed destined for bovine animals. This testing is done to prevent Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE).

Seed Laboratory. The Nebraska Seed Law requires a seed laboratory to perform tests for purity, germination and noxious weeds and other tests as required on agricultural, vegetable, flower and wildflower seed. Wild bird food samples are analyzed for noxious weeds. Staff perform tests on "official" samples, those submitted by department staff, for regulatory purposes. They also perform analysis of "service" samples brought to the laboratory by citizens and seed companies.

Residue Laboratory. Milk and associated products and food products are tested for pesticide residues for the Food Safety and Consumer Protection Focus Area. Feed and grain samples are tested for pesticide contaminants. The laboratory also is part of the Food Emergency Response Network.

Analytical work is performed by the laboratories for other state, federal and local agencies on a limited basis under a program established by law in 2005. The Nebraska Soil and Plant Laboratory Analysis Act is administered and enforced by the laboratory.

Ag Promotion and Development

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Ag Promotion and Development (AP&D) Focus Area staff members work to develop markets by coordinating efforts with farmers and ranchers, ag organizations, university and research institutions, other state and national agencies and private businesses. Through various programs and outreach, AP&D strives to create opportunities for ag-related development and profitability. Such efforts include:

- researching and fostering opportunities for marketing a variety of Nebraska

agricultural products, as well as disseminating information of importance to the agricultural industry in the state

- assisting with international trade by assessing market potential, connecting buyers and sellers, helping host trade teams and other promotional efforts and assisting companies with import problems at the point of entry
- marketing ag-based products in free online directories that provide consumers with access to information about a variety of Nebraska-based businesses, including fresh produce growers, feedlots, food and meat companies, agri-tourism sites, hay producers and Christmas tree growers
- fostering special initiatives, including the Beginning Farmer and Program, the Farm Mediation Program, the Livestock Friendly County Program and the Nebraska Our Best to You Program

In addition, AP&D coordinates several federal grants that help expand marketing opportunities, particularly for specialty crop and organic growers. These programs include the Organic Certification Cost-Share Program, the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, and the Senior Farmers' Market and Women, Infants and Children Farmers' Market Nutrition programs.

The focus area also is responsible for oversight of the poultry and egg checkoff program and the potato checkoff program.

Nebraska Grape and Winery Board

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The 2000 Legislature created the Nebraska Grape and Winery Board to create programs that develop and advance the state's grape and wine industry. These programs provide grape producers and winery owners with the resources to learn how to grow, sell, market and promote their grape and wine products.

The board consists of five members appointed by the governor on a non-partisan basis. Board members must be Nebraska residents who are at least 21 years old and either engaged in or previously engaged in wine or grape production or research in this state. At least two board members must be members of the Nebraska Winery and Grape Growers Association. In addition, the state director of agriculture or his or her designee and the vice chancellor of the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources or his or her designee serve as nonvoting ex officio members.

Member	Term Expires
Ellen Burdick, Lewellen	June 7, 2015
David Hanna, Lexington.....	June 7, 2015
Bart Holmquist, Eagle.....	June 7, 2015
Max McFarland, Lexington	June 7, 2015
Terry Ryan, Gibbon.....	June 7, 2015
Casey Foster, Lincoln	Department of Agriculture.....Ex Officio
David Jackson, Lincoln	University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.....Ex Officio

Farm Mediation Service

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Statutory Reference: 2-4801 to 2-4815

Since 1988, the Farm Mediation Service has assisted Nebraska landowners, farmers, ranchers, agricultural lenders and state and federal Department of Agriculture agencies in resolving disputes in a confidential and nonadversarial setting outside the traditional legal system. A mediation may be requested by a Nebraska agricultural landowner concerning a property fence dispute, a Nebraska agricultural borrower or creditor concerning an agricultural credit issue or a Nebraska producer concerning an adverse decision given them by a USDA agency.

Mediation is a process in which a neutral third party facilitates discussion between a farmer or rancher and the other party in a dispute. The mediation process identifies issues, develops possible solutions and works out a mutual agreement. Prior to mediation, both parties are offered no-cost education at individual sessions to learn about the mediation process, farm law and financial options that are available to them. A personal financial analysis and preparation for mediation also is offered at no cost to aid in developing options.

Beginning Farmer Program

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Statutory Reference: 77-5201 to 77-5214

The Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act was passed by the Legislature in 1999 and amended in 2000, 2006, 2008 and 2009. This act provides a personal property tax exemption for a beginning farmer who applies for and receives a Beginning Farmer Eligibility Certificate. The act also provides a tax credit for owners of agricultural assets such as land, machinery and livestock facilities as an incentive to rent their assets to a beginning farmer who has met specific eligibility requirements.

All beginning farmers who meet the eligibility guidelines of the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act may apply for the personal property tax exemption. An eligibility certificate is sent upon receipt of an eligible application. This may be presented to their county assessor for acceptance and approval of a personal property tax exemption of up to \$100,000 valuation of their agricultural machinery.

The owner of agricultural assets receives a refundable tax credit equal to 10 percent of the cash rent paid by the beginning farmer or 15 percent of the owner's gross receipts resulting from a share crop rental agreement with the beginning farmer. The owner is encouraged to become a mentor and share his or her expertise with the beginning farmer. The beginning farmer attends a financial management class to ensure his or her knowledge of farm records management and participates in other board-sponsored activities.

The board of directors is appointed by the governor and develops and directs the programs, approves and certifies the participants and advocates for the farmers as part of their duties.

Members	Represents	Term Expires
Don Anthony, Lexington.....	District 3 Producer.....	July 16, 2015
Karla Bahm, Eagle.....	Department of Agriculture.....	July 16, 2015
Kim Conroy, Lincoln.....	Department of Revenue.....	July 16, 2015
Mark Graf, McCook.....	Lending Community.....	July 16, 2015
Brad Lubben, Lincoln.....	Academia.....	July 16, 2015
Todd Reed, Waverly.....	District 1 Producer.....	July 16, 2015
Melvin Valasek, Bennington.....	District 2 Producer.....	July 16, 2015

Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council

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The Nebraska Department of Agriculture supports and enhances Nebraska's agriculture industry through educational activities that teach Nebraska youth about the role of agriculture through educational services, public relations and public information.

The Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute (NAYI) is a five-day summer conference designed to introduce high school juniors and seniors to agricultural issues, leadership skills and career opportunities. NAYI is held in July and is organized by the Nebraska Agricultural Youth Council (NAYC) through the Department of Agriculture. Other NAYC projects include ag week promotion, elementary school visits and the Urban Youth Farm Tour.

Potato Development Program

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Statutory Reference: 2-1802

The Potato Development Program was established as part of the Department of Agriculture by the 1945 Legislature. Under the guidance of the Potato Development Committee, the program contracts with universities for research activities and conducts market promotion and development activities for potatoes for food and seed.

The 1969 Legislature updated a statute calling for a potato inspection grading service. As a service to the potato industry, the program helps the Potato Certification Association of Nebraska conduct an inspection program on Nebraska-certified seed potatoes. In addition, the division provides potato grading services, which are funded by user fees, as requested.

The division's activities are paid for by a tax on Nebraska-grown potatoes. The tax, originally one-half cent per 100 pounds, currently is 1 cent per 100 pounds. The tax is collected from licensed potato shippers. Any shipper selling at least 180,000 pounds of potatoes a year (including growers not selling through licensed shippers) is defined as a shipper for tax purposes.

Nebraska Potato Development Committee

Statutory Reference: 2-1803

The Nebraska Potato Development Committee provides rules, regulations and guidance for the Potato Development Program. The committee advises the director of agriculture on appointing the program head and his or her deputies, if needed.

The committee consists of three potato shippers and four potato growers, appointed by the governor for two-year terms; the director of agriculture, who serves as chairperson; and the vice chancellor of the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, as an ex officio member.

The committee meets at least two times a year. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses.

Member	Position	Term Expires
James R. Allen, Alliance	Potato Grower.....	Aug. 1, 2015
Jeffrey J. Collins, Bridgeport.....	Potato Grower.....	Aug. 1, 2016
Randy May, Harrisburg.....	Potato Grower.....	Aug. 1, 2015
Tim May, Imperial.....	Potato Grower.....	Aug. 1, 2016
Tracil Power, Shelton.....	Potato Grower.....	Aug. 1, 2015
Rich Rehfeld, O'Neill	Potato Shipper.....	Aug. 1, 2016
Joseph Thompson, Alliance	Potato Shipper.....	Aug. 1, 2015
Greg Ibach, Lincoln (Chairman)	Director of Agriculture	Ex Officio
Ronnie Green, Lincoln.....	Institute of Agriculture & Natural Resources.....	Ex Officio

Poultry and Egg Development,
Utilization and Marketing

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Statutory Reference: 2-3402

The Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization and Marketing Program was created in 1976 with the passage of the Poultry and Egg Resources Act by the Legislature. The division works with public and private organizations to conduct programs enhancing the image of poultry, eggs and related products. These endeavors include consumer education, research, advertising, promotion, utilization and market development. A voluntary checkoff fee of up to 5 cents per case of eggs and 3 cents per marketed turkey may be assessed to run these programs.

Nebraska Poultry and Egg Development,
Utilization and Marketing Committee

Statutory Reference: 2-3404

The Nebraska Poultry and Egg Development, Utilization and Marketing Committee advises the director on poultry and egg industry issues. State law calls for the elected directors of Nebraska Poultry Industries Inc. to serve as committee members. Ex officio committee members may include, but are not limited to, the following: the state director of agriculture; the vice chancellor of the University of Nebraska Insti-

tute of Agriculture and Natural Resources; the UNL Department of Animal Sciences chairperson; a Department of Animal Sciences poultry specialist; the Nebraska Poultry Industries general manager; and a consumer organization representative.

Member	Position
Tim Bebee, Wakefield.....	Director
William Bevans, Waverly.....	Director
Joe Brown, Wakefield.....	Director
William Claybaugh, Carroll.....	Director
Jerry Felber, Lincoln.....	Director
Julie Kelly, Wakefield.....	Director
Jesus Lopez, David City.....	Director
Jeff May, Lees Summit, Mo.	Director
Greg Nelson, Manhattan, Kan.....	Director
Lowell Ostrand, Wakefield.....	Director
Kevin Pohlmeier, Lawrence.....	Director
Ken Potter, Rising City.....	Director
Jim Sechrist, Bonner Springs, Kan.	Director
John Toney, Omaha.....	Director
Larry Berger, Lincoln.....	Animal Science Department, UNL (Ex Officio)
Rolando Flores, Lincoln.....	Food Science and Technology, UNL (Ex Officio)
Glenn Froning, Lincoln.....	Food Science and Technology, UNL (Ex Officio)
David Hardin, Lincoln.....	Veterinary Medicine& Biomedical Sciences, UNL (Ex Officio)
Greg Ibach, Lincoln.....	Director of Agriculture (Ex Officio)
Sheila Purdum, Lincoln.....	Extension Poultry Specialist, UNL (Ex Officio)
Tom Schomer, Lincoln.....	Deputy State Veterinarian (Ex Officio)
Bob Storant, Lincoln.....	Department of Agriculture (Ex Officio)
Harshavardhan Thippareddi, Lincoln.....	Extension Food Safety Specialist, UNL (Ex Officio)

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Statutory Reference: 81-202

In 2013, the Nebraska Department of Agriculture combined two previously separate divisions into one focus area – combining the Bureau of Plant Industry and the Bureau of Animal Industry to create the Animal and Plant Health Protection (APH) Focus Area.

Livestock health was first vested in a Livestock Sanitary Board created in 1885 that consisted of a three-member, governor-appointed commission and a state veterinary surgeon. The 1901 Legislature repealed the 1885 act and made the governor the state veterinarian with power to appoint a deputy to perform the work of the office. In 1913, power was given to a five-member board with the governor as state veterinarian. The 1919 Legislature created the Bureau of Animal Industry as part of the new Department of Agriculture, with the state veterinarian in charge of the bureau. The state veterinarian

continues to oversee livestock programming duties under the current APHP Focus Area, which includes the control and eradication of diseases that affect Nebraska livestock.

The ongoing work of the animal health protection programming sector of the APHP Focus Area includes regulation of health requirements for animals imported into, or moving within, the state. Animal movement is one of the primary surveillance functions of this area. In conjunction with our state's import program, which collects animal movement data, the focus area also works with the federal animal identification system.

Licensing programs within the animal programming sector of APHP includes annual licensing and inspection processes for livestock dealers, livestock markets, rendering facilities and pet food facilities.

The department collaborates with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to control and eradicate livestock diseases, federally referred to as "program diseases," such as brucellosis, tuberculosis, pseudorabies, scrapie, chronic wasting disease, swine enteric coronavirus disease, equine infectious anemia, avian influenza, equine piroplasmiasis and salmonella pullorum.

The animal programs for APHP also are charged with implementing licensing programs for domesticated cervine animal facilities and commercial dog and cat facilities. Homeland security efforts through outreach activities on production biosecurity, management practices, foreign animal disease education and participation in emergency response activities are supported in the agency. These functions also address production food safety issues at different levels from production to slaughter.

Focus area veterinarians serve as consultants for practicing veterinarians in Nebraska on matters such as emerging disease issues, federal and state regulatory requirements, emergency response and auction market work. They also record and monitor animal health issues related to exotic animal auctions and swap meets.

Plant health protection programming areas consist of the following programs: plant certification and inspection; feed, fertilizer and agricultural lime; pesticides; entomology; noxious weed control; and seed.

The focus area administers the apiary, plant protection and plant pest, commercial feed, commercial fertilizer and soil conditioner, agricultural liming materials, pesticide and seed and noxious weed control laws.

The export certification program helps facilitate the export of plants and plant products by inspecting and certifying shipments for interstate and international markets. This program also helps facilitate the shipment of corn, sorghum, broom corn and sudan grass grains to areas with a European corn borer quarantine in effect.

The feed, fertilizer and agricultural lime program has a staff of field inspectors who sample commercial and custom-mixed feeds, fertilizers and agricultural liming materials to assure customers that products meet label guarantees. Samples are submitted to the Nebraska Agricultural Laboratory, where they are analyzed and compared to label guarantees. The inspectors also routinely inspect firms that handle these products to make certain the firms are using good manufacturing practices in their operations.

The focus area also has developed a program to prevent the introduction and spread of BSE, also known as "mad cow disease." Inspections are performed and feeds are tested to make certain that prohibited materials, including meat and bone meal derived

from ruminants, are not being fed to ruminant animals. An outreach program also has been developed to provide information to the public on what can be done to prevent the introduction of BSE.

The entomology program is responsible for preventing harmful plant pests from being introduced and becoming established in Nebraska. This is accomplished by conducting statewide detection surveys for plant pests, inspecting plant material and educating industry on exotic and invasive plant pest issues.

The pesticide program regulates the distribution, use, storage, application and disposal of pesticides. Under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the program enforces provisions of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act. Programs are developed to implement various provisions of this act that deal with endangered species, worker protection and groundwater.

The 1998 Legislature passed the Nebraska Buffer Strip Act. The intent of the act was to develop a program providing incentives to landowners who establish buffer strips on certain types of lands to reduce the levels of sediment, crop nutrients and pesticides being introduced into surface water resources. Landowners who desire to participate in the buffer strip program are eligible to receive payments of up to \$250 per acre for up to 10 years. Landowners whose lands are accepted into the program are required to enter into agreements with their natural resources districts. This includes agreeing to maintain the lands according to the contact requirements.

The seed program provides for the collection of samples of agricultural seeds, lawn grass seed and vegetable seed. Samples collected are submitted to the Nebraska Agriculture Laboratory, where tests for purity, germination, content of noxious weed seed and other special tests are performed.

The noxious weed program protects Nebraskans from the threat posed by noxious weeds. The director of agriculture designates which plants are considered noxious and determines what control measures to use. The inspection staff evaluates county noxious weed programs, conducts annual county noxious weed surveys and responds to reports of uncontrolled noxious weed infestations. The program provides assistance to county weed control programs when training is needed for county weed superintendents.

Wildlife Services (Animal Damage Control)

The Nebraska Department of Agriculture has a contractual agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services (formerly Animal Damage Control) to carry out wildlife services in Nebraska.⁴

Wildlife Services provides operational and educational help to requesting landowners and public or private agencies within participating counties to control predatory mammals, field rodents, commensal rodents and birds.

Wildlife Services helps farmers and ranchers protect livestock from predatory animals. Services are provided to municipalities needing assistance with nuisance situations. One example would be the removal of large birds near airports if the birds present safety concerns for aircraft.

⁴For more information about U.S. Wildlife Services, see Page 98.

Market News

Market News is a cooperative effort with USDA Market News Service to expand livestock auction feeder cattle market price reporting at a comparable level to surrounding states. Eleven additional markets were added as a result of this agreement.

Food Safety and Consumer Protection

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Statutory Reference: 81-1,102.01

Food regulation in Nebraska began in 1899 with the creation of a Food Commission. In 1907, the commission became the Food, Dairy and Drug Commission. The duties of oil inspector, first established in 1887, were added to the commission in 1913. The governor was the commissioner and appointed a deputy, a state chemist and other employees.

The duties of the defunct Hotel Commission were added by the 1917 Legislature. This involved regulation of hotels, rooming houses, apartments and restaurants.

In 1937, the Legislature changed the bureau's name to the Bureau of Dairies, Foods and Drugs when a law concerning milk and cream testing was rewritten. Drug regulation was vested with the Department of Health in 1941.

The bureau enforced bingo laws from 1959 to 1965 after the 1959 Legislature legalized the game. Bingo law regulation was then transferred to the state tax commissioner's office.

The Department of Agriculture was reorganized by the director in 1967 to transfer administration of feed, fertilizer and poison laws to the Bureau of Plant Industry. Administration of livestock remedies law was transferred to the Bureau of Animal Industry. Also, the department laboratory was given division status.

In 1967, the Legislature passed the Nebraska Egg Law, which set standards for eggs consistent with those established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The act was paid for by a license fee and an inspection fee based on the volume of eggs handled. The law was updated in 1969 with a new licensing and inspection fee schedule. The 1969 act further required mandatory coding and dating of consumer packages of eggs.

In 1981, all previous food laws, with the exception of the Graded Egg Act, were repealed by the Legislature and replaced by the Nebraska Pure Food Act.

Except for earlier laws covering the grading of eggs, the duties of the Bureau of Dairies and Foods were established by the Nebraska Pure Food Act, last revised in 2012, which regulates commercial food in Nebraska. The types of establishments licensed and inspected include restaurants, taverns, grocery stores, bakeries, food processors, food storage establishments, mobile food units and push carts, vending, temporary food establishments, salvage distributors, salvage processing plants and itinerant food vendors.

In 2007, legislation combined the Manufacturing Milk Act and the Grade A Milk

Law into one, which is now known as the Nebraska Milk Act. The act retains the farm requirements for manufacturing farms, but makes milk processing and various other requirements equivalent to those found in the FDA/PHS Pasteurized Milk Ordinance. In addition, the law modified permit fees and the way inspection fees are calculated. This change is more equitable, spreads costs to all of the industry and provides some flexibility to raise or lower fees as necessary to maintain the program.

In 2013, Nebraska law was brought in line with federal requirements that enable the industry to ship milk and milk products through interstate commerce.

The FSCP contains the Weights and Measures Program, formerly the Weights and Measures Division. When the Department of Agriculture was created in 1919, the Division of Weights and Measures became part of the Bureau of Markets and Marketing. The division checked commercial weighing and measuring devices for statewide accuracy. Though packaged products were not widely used, the division monitored the products for accurate quantity and continues to do so today. Prepackaging now is common with the variety of packaged commodities numbering in the millions.

In the mid-1940s, the division became part of the Bureau of Dairies and Foods, where it remained until 1972. The division's activities were sporadic and were conducted by the Bureau of Dairies and Foods and the Bureau of Plant Industry. In 1970, staff members were hired specifically for weights. In 1971, the Nebraska Standards Laboratory was created with the capability of making precise calibrations of standards of mass, length and volume.

After a new weights and measures law was passed in 1972, inspection duties were given to one section for administration. In 1974, the Weights and Measures Division became a division within the Department of Agriculture. That same year, a regulation for the Voluntary Registration of Service Agencies and Servicemen for Commercial Weighing and Measuring Devices was adopted, as well as a regulation pertaining to requirements for pit scales that set minimum standards for construction. In 1982, the pit regulations were updated, and regulations were added regarding pitless-type scale installations. In 1991, the regulations again were updated to recognize advancements in technology and require only weighing and measuring devices that hold a national-type evaluation program certificate of conformance to be used in commerce.

The current Weights and Measures Program protects the integrity of commercial measurements through certification of weighing and measuring equipment, evaluations of net quantity and pricing representations of packaged commodities and by ensuring that marketing practices provide the ability to make price and quantity comparisons.

The program annually inspects over 36,000 commercial weighing and measuring devices including railroad track and supermarket point of sale scales, meters used to measure bulk deliveries of refined fuels, liquefied petroleum gases and fuel pumps at service stations and convenience stores. In addition, the program annually conducts over 75,000 random inspections of packaged commodities to verify that these packages contain the net quantity represented by the packer.

The Weights and Measures Program is a member of and actively participates in the National Conference on Weights and Measures and the Central Weights and Measures Association.

Nebraska National Agricultural Rankings*

June 2014

Rank	Category	Number
1st	Cattle on feed, Jan. 1, 2014	2,450,000 Head
1st	Commercial cattle slaughter, 2013	6,869,800 Head
1st	Commercial cattle slaughter, live weight, 2013	9,389,940,000 Pounds
1st	Commercial red meat production, 2013	7,353,000,000 Pounds
1st	Great Northern beans production, 2013	1,243,000 Cwt.
1st	Irrigated cropland, Census of Agriculture, 2012	8,296,573 Acres
1st	Popcorn production, Census of Agriculture, 2012	353,711,118 Pounds
2nd	Beef and veal exports, 2012	\$840,000,000
2nd	Bison inventory, Census of Agriculture, 2012	23,152 Head
2nd	Cattle and calves - all, Jan. 1, 2014	6,150,000 Head
2nd	Light red kidney bean production, 2013	185,000 Cwt.
2nd	Pinto bean production, 2013	1,174,000 Cwt.
3rd	Corn for grain production, 2013	1,623,500,000 Bushels
3rd	Dry edible bean production, 2013	2,750,000 Cwt
3rd	Farm marketing cash receipts, 2012	\$24,465,882,000
3rd	Proso millet production, 2013	4,576,000 Bushels
4th	Beef cows - all, Jan. 1, 2014	1,797,000 Head
4th	Black dry edible bean production, 2013	93,000 Cwt.
4th	Land in farms, 2013	45,300,000 Acres
4th	Off-farm grain storage capacity, Dec. 1, 2013	885,130,000 Bushels
4th	On-farm grain storage capacity, Dec. 1, 2013	1,150,000,000 Bushels
5th	Agriculture exports, 2012	\$7,285,500,000
5th	Soybean production, 2013	252,280,000 Bushels
5th	Sugarbeet production, 2013	1,313,000 Tons
6th	Cropland, Census of Agriculture, 2012	21,597,393 Acres
6th	Hogs and pigs - all, Dec. 1, 2013	3,100,000 Head
6th	Principal crops harvested, 2013	18,756,000 Acres
6th	Sorghum for silage production, 2013	300,000 Tons
7th	Commercial hog slaughter, 2013	7,595,900 Head
7th	Commercial hog slaughter, live weight, 2013	2,076,018,000 Pounds
7th	Sorghum for grain production, 2013	9,380,000 Bushels
8th	Alfalfa hay production, 2013	2,415,000 Tons
8th	Sunflower production, 2013	34,675,000 Pounds
9th	Other hay (excludes alfalfa) production, 2013	2,520,000 Tons
9th	Corn for silage production, 2013	4,160,000 Tons
10th	Fall potatoes, 2013	8,418,000 Cwt.
10th	Table egg layers, 2013	9,257,000 Layers
11th	All hay production, 2013	4,935,000 Tons
12th	Oat production, 2013	1,625,000 Bushels
13th	Honey production, 2013	2,760,000 Pounds
14th	Chickens, 2013	11,420,000 Head
15th	Winter wheat production, 2013	39,550,000 Bushels

* Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Crop Production in Nebraska, 1949-2013*

Year	WHEAT			CORN FOR GRAIN		
	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value
1949.....	4,165,000	58,213,000	111,123,000	7,293,000	226,812,000	274,443,000
1950.....	4,051,000	88,482,000	180,503,000	6,710,000	241,560,000	350,262,000
1951.....	4,005,000	58,073,000	125,370,000	6,726,000	188,328,000	291,908,000
1952.....	4,390,000	98,367,000	205,561,000	6,660,000	253,080,000	377,089,000
1953.....	3,856,000	85,980,000	178,838,000	6,646,000	196,057,000	288,204,000
1954.....	3,107,000	60,093,000	129,801,000	6,497,000	188,413,000	275,083,000
1955.....	3,141,000	78,255,000	156,510,000	4,775,000	95,500,000	137,520,000
1956.....	3,324,000	64,698,000	128,741,000	4,037,000	94,870,000	129,023,000
1957.....	2,920,000	78,741,000	151,172,000	4,718,000	219,387,000	239,132,000
1958.....	3,442,000	113,488,000	197,463,000	5,415,000	276,165,000	309,305,000
1959.....	3,104,000	68,204,000	120,023,000	6,558,000	318,063,000	327,605,000
1960.....	3,011,000	85,712,000	148,263,000	6,538,000	333,438,000	326,769,000
1961.....	3,220,000	78,807,000	140,276,000	5,296,000	275,392,000	305,685,000
1962.....	2,760,000	53,820,000	104,411,000	5,031,000	304,376,000	337,857,000
1963.....	2,815,000	60,522,000	110,755,000	5,031,000	286,767,000	309,708,000
1964.....	2,871,000	70,340,000	93,552,000	3,793,000	204,822,000	237,594,000
1965.....	2,727,000	54,540,000	72,538,000	3,565,000	249,550,000	291,974,000
1966.....	2,860,000	100,100,000	163,163,000	4,100,000	328,000,000	390,320,000
1967.....	3,265,000	86,523,000	114,210,000	4,510,000	333,740,000	350,427,000
1968.....	3,070,000	98,240,000	114,941,000	4,239,000	313,686,000	341,918,000
1969.....	2,650,000	83,495,000	97,666,000	4,620,000	434,280,000	473,365,000
1970.....	2,410,000	91,580,000	111,728,000	4,828,000	366,928,000	458,660,000
1971.....	2,434,000	102,228,000	126,763,000	5,300,000	450,500,000	500,055,000
1972.....	2,509,000	92,833,000	161,529,000	5,135,000	534,040,000	817,081,000
1973.....	2,680,000	93,800,000	356,440,000	5,900,000	554,600,000	1,336,586,000
1974.....	2,900,000	98,600,000	395,666,000	5,700,000	399,000,000	1,165,080,000
1975.....	3,070,000	98,240,000	333,034,000	5,920,000	503,200,000	1,247,936,000
1976.....	2,950,000	94,400,000	224,672,000	6,100,000	518,500,000	1,068,110,000
1977.....	2,950,000	103,250,000	229,215,000	6,550,000	648,450,000	1,277,447,000
1978.....	2,550,000	81,600,000	227,664,000	6,750,000	762,750,000	1,693,305,000
1979.....	2,550,000	86,700,000	319,056,000	7,150,000	822,250,000	2,039,180,000
1980.....	2,850,000	108,300,000	413,706,000	7,100,000	603,500,000	1,858,780,000
1981.....	2,900,000	104,400,000	384,192,000	6,880,000	791,200,000	1,954,264,000
1982.....	2,900,000	101,500,000	340,025,000	6,800,000	748,000,000	2,109,360,000
1983.....	2,300,000	98,900,000	331,315,000	4,850,000	470,450,000	1,472,509,000
1984.....	2,250,000	81,000,000	266,490,000	6,950,000	806,200,000	2,079,996,000
1985.....	2,300,000	89,700,000	250,263,000	7,450,000	953,600,000	2,116,992,000
1986.....	2,000,000	76,000,000	169,480,000	7,000,000	896,000,000	1,361,920,000
1987.....	1,950,000	85,800,000	210,210,000	6,200,000	812,200,000	1,591,912,000
1988.....	2,000,000	72,000,000	263,520,000	6,600,000	818,400,000	2,029,632,000
1989.....	2,050,000	55,350,000	207,563,000	7,000,000	847,000,000	1,948,100,000
1990.....	2,250,000	85,500,000	216,315,000	7,300,000	934,400,000	2,130,432,000
1991.....	2,100,000	67,200,000	202,272,000	7,800,000	990,600,000	2,318,004,000
1992.....	1,850,000	55,500,000	175,380,000	7,900,000	1,066,500,000	2,228,985,000
1993.....	2,100,000	73,500,000	223,440,000	7,550,000	785,200,000	1,978,704,000
1994.....	2,100,000	71,400,000	242,046,000	8,250,000	1,146,750,000	2,671,928,000
1995.....	2,100,000	86,100,000	392,616,000	7,700,000	854,700,000	2,752,134,000
1996.....	2,100,000	73,500,000	315,315,000	8,250,000	1,179,750,000	3,114,540,000
1997.....	1,900,000	70,300,000	224,960,000	8,600,000	1,135,200,000	2,633,664,000
1998.....	1,800,000	82,800,000	210,312,000	8,550,000	1,239,750,000	2,330,730,000
1999.....	1,700,000	81,600,000	179,520,000	8,300,000	1,153,700,000	2,018,975,000
2000.....	1,650,000	59,400,000	155,034,000	8,050,000	1,014,300,000	1,927,170,000
2001.....	1,600,000	59,200,000	162,800,000	7,750,000	1,139,250,000	2,210,145,000
2002.....	1,520,000	50,160,000	180,576,000	7,350,000	940,800,000	2,182,656,000
2003.....	1,820,000	83,720,000	269,578,000	7,700,000	1,124,200,000	2,686,838,000
2004.....	1,650,000	61,050,000	197,192,000	7,950,000	1,139,700,000	2,665,794,000
2005.....	1,760,000	68,640,000	230,630,000	8,250,000	1,270,500,000	2,439,360,000
2006.....	1,700,000	61,200,000	279,684,000	7,750,000	1,178,000,000	3,534,000,000
2007.....	1,960,000	84,280,000	490,510,000	9,200,000	1,472,000,000	6,094,080,000
2008.....	1,670,000	73,480,000	490,846,000	8,550,000	1,393,650,000	5,644,283,000
2009.....	1,600,000	76,800,000	363,264,000	8,850,000	1,575,300,000	5,639,574,000
2010.....	1,490,000	64,070,000	337,649,000	8,850,000	1,469,100,000	7,477,719,000
2011.....	1,450,000	65,250,000	437,175,000	9,600,000	1,536,000,000	9,384,960,000
2012.....	1,300,000	53,300,000	419,471,000	9,100,000	1,292,200,000	8,851,570,000
2013.....	1,130,000	39,550,000	270,918,000	9,550,000	1,623,500,000	7,386,925,000

*Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Crop Production in Nebraska, 1949-2013 (Cont'd.)*

Year	OATS			BARLEY		
	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value
1949.....	2,228,000	45,674,000	29,231,000	326,000	6,096,000	5,547,000
1950.....	2,562,000	61,488,000	47,961,000	310,000	4,650,000	5,068,000
1951.....	2,101,000	56,727,000	47,651,000	202,000	4,444,000	5,333,000
1952.....	2,374,000	45,106,000	34,732,000	166,000	3,403,000	4,152,000
1953.....	2,232,000	41,292,000	29,317,000	174,000	3,306,000	3,537,000
1954.....	2,254,000	63,112,000	44,178,000	226,000	3,955,000	4,153,000
1955.....	2,029,000	52,754,000	33,763,000	190,000	3,800,000	3,534,000
1956.....	1,339,000	16,068,000	12,212,000	190,000	2,280,000	2,326,000
1957.....	1,500,000	50,250,000	30,150,000	239,000	7,409,000	5,927,000
1958.....	1,380,000	48,300,000	27,048,000	244,000	6,710,000	5,905,000
1959.....	1,277,000	31,925,000	20,113,000	317,000	6,816,000	4,976,000
1960.....	1,213,000	43,062,000	24,976,000	225,000	6,525,000	4,633,000
1961.....	1,067,000	34,144,000	21,511,000	225,000	6,300,000	5,103,000
1962.....	939,000	30,987,000	19,832,000	117,000	3,042,000	2,525,000
1963.....	845,000	23,238,000	15,105,000	84,000	1,512,000	1,270,000
1964.....	617,000	17,584,000	11,781,000	78,000	1,638,000	1,441,000
1965.....	617,000	24,680,000	16,042,000	37,000	1,110,000	1,010,000
1966.....	543,000	21,720,000	14,770,000	32,000	960,000	941,000
1967.....	483,000	20,010,000	14,287,000	25,000	875,000	831,000
1968.....	464,000	12,760,000	8,549,000	35,000	1,155,000	1,016,000
1969.....	561,000	24,404,000	15,130,000	40,000	1,360,000	1,197,000
1970.....	578,000	24,276,000	15,779,000	45,000	1,620,000	1,442,000
1971.....	517,000	26,367,000	17,402,000	42,000	1,680,000	1,529,000
1972.....	390,000	19,110,000	14,715,000	38,000	1,292,000	1,331,000
1973.....	430,000	21,070,000	24,231,000	30,000	1,080,000	1,890,000
1974.....	535,000	25,145,000	38,220,000	27,000	945,000	2,079,000
1975.....	590,000	28,910,000	41,630,000	33,000	1,188,000	2,435,000
1976.....	660,000	27,720,000	41,580,000	40,000	1,440,000	2,808,000
1977.....	700,000	40,600,000	40,194,000	43,000	1,935,000	3,077,000
1978.....	450,000	21,150,000	25,803,000	29,000	1,102,000	1,873,000
1979.....	400,000	21,200,000	27,984,000	28,000	1,204,000	2,107,000
1980.....	380,000	15,580,000	28,823,000	25,000	950,000	2,185,000
1981.....	395,000	15,800,000	30,178,000	22,000	858,000	1,888,000
1982.....	460,000	26,680,000	38,686,000	22,000	1,100,000	2,200,000
1983.....	310,000	13,640,000	23,052,000	69,000	2,691,000	6,189,000
1984.....	320,000	15,680,000	26,813,000	78,000	2,652,000	5,437,000
1985.....	420,000	25,620,000	29,975,000	120,000	3,840,000	6,336,000
1986.....	360,000	21,240,000	24,001,000	135,000	5,400,000	6,480,000
1987.....	360,000	17,640,000	28,577,000	70,000	2,520,000	3,024,000
1988.....	320,000	12,160,000	29,062,000	60,000	1,920,000	3,648,000
1989.....	240,000	8,640,000	13,478,000	25,000	650,000	1,138,000
1990.....	280,000	13,440,000	15,994,000	22,000	880,000	1,945,000
1991.....	220,000	11,880,000	14,375,000	27,000	1,026,000	1,847,000
1992.....	220,000	15,400,000	20,174,000	17,000	850,000	1,615,000
1993.....	160,000	6,880,000	9,838,000	14,000	532,000	958,000
1994.....	150,000	7,500,000	9,675,000	8,000	304,000	562,000
1995.....	90,000	4,500,000	8,235,000	6,000	222,000	477,000
1996.....	105,000	7,455,000	15,730,000	17,000	901,000	1,937,000
1997.....	90,000	5,850,000	10,472,000	9,000	459,000	1,010,000
1998.....	95,000	5,320,000	6,331,000	8,000	400,000	720,000
1999.....	75,000	4,650,000	5,022,000	3,000	144,000	202,000
2000.....	45,000	1,890,000	2,684,000	5,000	135,000	216,000
2001.....	60,000	3,660,000	5,819,000	4,000	180,000	297,000
2002.....	55,000	2,365,000	4,730,000	4,000	128,000	237,000
2003.....	90,000	6,570,000	10,052,000	4,000	200,000	380,000
2004.....	50,000	3,400,000	5,134,000	3,000	162,000	292,000
2005.....	60,000	4,380,000	7,139,000	-	-	-
2006.....	45,000	2,025,000	4,030,000	-	-	-
2007.....	35,000	2,135,000	6,704,000	-	-	-
2008.....	35,000	2,450,000	8,477,000	-	-	-
2009.....	30,000	2,070,000	4,699,000	-	-	-
2010.....	25,000	1,700,000	5,151,000	-	-	-
2011.....	20,000	1,300,000	4,888,000	-	-	-
2012.....	18,000	1,026,000	4,319,000	-	-	-
2013.....	25,000	1,625,000	6,744,000	-	-	-

*Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Crop Production in Nebraska, 1949-2013 (Cont'd.)*

Year	SORGHUM FOR GRAIN			SOYBEANS		
	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value	Harvested Acres	Production in Bushels	Value
1949.....	109,000	2,572,000	3,164,000	20,000	444,000	959,000
1950.....	194,000	4,850,000	4,898,000	50,000	1,200,000	2,880,000
1951.....	128,000	1,664,000	2,196,000	58,000	1,276,000	3,394,000
1952.....	97,000	2,231,000	3,101,000	88,000	2,288,000	6,086,000
1953.....	187,000	2,992,000	3,590,000	105,000	1,942,000	4,991,000
1954.....	540,000	14,580,000	17,788,000	188,000	4,042,000	9,458,000
1955.....	720,000	7,920,000	8,237,000	180,000	1,890,000	3,988,000
1956.....	889,000	12,446,000	14,188,000	146,000	1,679,000	3,526,000
1957.....	1,983,000	77,337,000	74,244,000	142,000	3,692,000	7,199,000
1958.....	1,624,000	76,328,000	78,618,000	206,000	5,974,000	11,590,000
1959.....	1,418,000	61,683,000	48,113,000	146,000	3,504,000	6,482,000
1960.....	1,796,000	90,698,000	72,558,000	164,000	4,592,000	8,908,000
1961.....	1,185,000	59,842,000	59,842,000	292,000	7,446,000	16,158,000
1962.....	1,540,000	101,640,000	101,640,000	310,000	8,370,000	18,665,000
1963.....	1,863,000	102,465,000	94,268,000	356,000	10,146,000	24,553,000
1964.....	1,975,000	90,850,000	89,942,000	523,000	11,506,000	28,535,000
1965.....	2,271,000	121,498,000	110,563,000	696,000	16,356,000	39,582,000
1966.....	2,089,000	142,052,000	136,370,000	745,000	21,978,000	58,022,000
1967.....	2,193,000	123,904,000	110,275,000	782,000	17,595,000	42,932,000
1968.....	1,700,000	98,600,000	86,768,000	782,000	18,377,000	43,737,000
1969.....	1,514,000	110,522,000	106,101,000	766,000	24,895,000	55,765,000
1970.....	1,480,000	75,480,000	81,518,000	812,000	17,864,000	49,662,000
1971.....	2,057,000	123,420,000	114,781,000	609,000	15,225,000	45,523,000
1972.....	1,640,000	118,080,000	161,770,000	707,000	22,978,000	102,712,000
1973.....	2,000,000	136,000,000	284,240,000	1,210,000	36,300,000	194,931,000
1974.....	1,900,000	62,700,000	168,663,000	1,150,000	28,175,000	175,249,000
1975.....	1,900,000	104,500,000	237,215,000	1,200,000	32,400,000	155,844,000
1976.....	2,100,000	119,700,000	215,460,000	980,000	19,600,000	127,008,000
1977.....	2,070,000	146,970,000	257,198,000	1,130,000	40,680,000	233,503,000
1978.....	1,870,000	140,250,000	263,670,000	1,250,000	42,500,000	276,250,000
1979.....	1,920,000	151,680,000	341,280,000	1,610,000	54,740,000	325,703,000
1980.....	2,030,000	121,800,000	347,130,000	1,770,000	53,100,000	384,975,000
1981.....	2,060,000	164,800,000	352,672,000	2,070,000	78,660,000	455,441,000
1982.....	1,760,000	128,480,000	294,219,000	2,250,000	78,750,000	437,700,000
1983.....	1,000,000	61,000,000	162,260,000	2,070,000	58,995,000	452,492,000
1984.....	1,900,000	121,600,000	269,952,000	2,550,000	66,300,000	373,269,000
1985.....	1,930,000	154,400,000	296,448,000	2,360,000	84,960,000	412,906,000
1986.....	1,530,000	136,170,000	183,830,000	2,450,000	93,100,000	424,536,000
1987.....	1,300,000	106,600,000	172,692,000	2,350,000	83,425,000	485,534,000
1988.....	1,360,000	103,360,000	223,258,000	2,360,000	70,800,000	517,548,000
1989.....	1,630,000	101,060,000	205,152,000	2,560,000	81,920,000	446,464,000
1990.....	1,410,000	108,570,000	222,568,000	2,360,000	81,420,000	455,138,000
1991.....	1,350,000	90,450,000	202,608,000	2,460,000	82,410,000	450,783,000
1992.....	1,530,000	143,820,000	260,314,000	2,460,000	103,320,000	554,828,000
1993.....	1,250,000	73,750,000	167,413,000	2,500,000	90,000,000	558,000,000
1994.....	1,200,000	117,600,000	230,496,000	2,860,000	134,420,000	711,082,000
1995.....	980,000	56,840,000	172,225,000	3,060,000	100,980,000	662,429,000
1996.....	1,030,000	97,850,000	228,969,000	3,010,000	135,450,000	973,886,000
1997.....	750,000	60,750,000	130,637,000	3,550,000	143,775,000	902,907,000
1998.....	600,000	56,400,000	94,752,000	3,750,000	165,000,000	796,950,000
1999.....	470,000	42,770,000	64,908,000	4,250,000	180,625,000	807,394,000
2000.....	500,000	35,000,000	64,288,000	4,575,000	173,850,000	771,894,000
2001.....	425,000	35,700,000	64,574,000	4,900,000	222,950,000	934,161,000
2002.....	320,000	16,000,000	37,901,000	4,580,000	176,330,000	957,472,000
2003.....	500,000	31,000,000	72,738,000	4,500,000	182,250,000	1,279,395,000
2004.....	415,000	32,370,000	55,832,000	4,750,000	218,500,000	1,210,490,000
2005.....	250,000	21,750,000	37,149,000	4,660,000	235,330,000	1,306,082,000
2006.....	240,000	18,720,000	58,077,000	5,010,000	250,500,000	1,515,525,000
2007.....	240,000	22,560,000	89,699,000	3,850,000	196,350,000	1,947,792,000
2008.....	210,000	19,110,000	62,069,000	4,860,000	225,990,000	2,212,442,000
2009.....	140,000	13,020,000	40,977,000	4,760,000	259,420,000	2,459,302,000
2010.....	75,000	6,750,000	33,037,000	5,100,000	267,750,000	2,945,250,000
2011.....	70,000	6,580,000	38,690,000	4,830,000	261,360,000	3,136,320,000
2012.....	60,000	3,540,000	23,987,000	4,990,000	207,085,000	2,919,899,000
2013.....	140,000	9,380,000	38,345,000	4,760,000	252,280,000	3,153,500,000

*Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Crop Production in Nebraska, 1949-2013 (Cont'd.)*

Year	SUGAR BEETS			ALL HAY		
	Harvested Acres	Production in Tons	Value	Harvested Acres	Production in Tons	Value
1949.....	38,000	558,000	5,859,000	4,871,000	5,260,000	77,322,000
1950.....	59,000	812,000	9,582,000	4,994,000	5,563,000	80,107,000
1951.....	55,000	683,000	7,991,000	5,138,000	6,194,000	108,395,000
1952.....	57,900	904,000	9,582,000	5,317,000	6,098,000	140,864,000
1953.....	51,700	789,000	9,130,000	5,391,000	5,529,000	103,604,000
1954.....	60,100	786,000	8,410,000	5,595,000	6,399,000	113,262,000
1955.....	46,300	665,000	7,514,000	5,506,000	5,514,000	103,663,000
1956.....	56,100	848,000	10,939,000	5,339,000	4,966,000	106,272,000
1957.....	59,800	895,000	10,561,000	5,435,000	7,655,000	94,922,000
1958.....	61,100	902,000	11,185,000	5,236,000	7,344,000	71,237,000
1959.....	63,900	1,107,000	13,505,000	4,772,000	6,230,000	92,204,000
1960.....	68,700	1,226,000	15,815,000	4,922,000	6,685,000	100,275,000
1961.....	77,700	1,155,000	14,322,000	4,900,000	6,047,000	100,985,000
1962.....	72,700	940,000	12,314,000	5,227,000	7,433,000	115,212,000
1963.....	83,100	1,594,000	19,766,000	4,809,000	6,602,000	118,836,000
1964.....	86,200	1,407,000	18,150,000	4,724,000	6,272,000	126,067,000
1965.....	66,500	928,000	12,064,000	4,673,000	7,063,000	134,197,000
1966.....	65,200	1,205,000	16,388,000	4,490,000	6,379,000	137,148,000
1967.....	62,900	853,000	12,283,000	4,491,000	6,497,000	126,692,000
1968.....	71,800	1,222,000	18,819,000	4,297,000	6,054,000	133,188,000
1969.....	87,300	1,673,000	19,407,000	4,328,000	6,951,000	142,496,000
1970.....	78,700	1,365,000	20,202,000	4,150,000	6,100,000	128,100,000
1971.....	77,700	1,425,000	23,085,000	4,170,000	6,933,000	145,593,000
1972.....	82,100	1,650,000	29,865,000	4,050,000	7,140,000	171,360,000
1973.....	74,400	1,482,000	53,352,000	4,050,000	7,476,000	242,970,000
1974.....	75,500	1,382,000	69,376,000	3,850,000	6,270,000	282,150,000
1975.....	96,000	1,776,000	51,326,000	3,950,000	6,503,000	292,635,000
1976.....	84,500	1,690,000	35,997,000	3,800,000	5,953,000	315,509,000
1977.....	67,700	1,354,000	36,558,000	3,900,000	7,530,000	252,255,000
1978.....	76,000	1,368,000	38,030,000	3,800,000	7,538,000	263,830,000
1979.....	72,400	1,462,000	49,708,000	3,700,000	7,618,000	312,338,000
1980.....	85,000	1,777,000	83,519,000	3,700,000	7,083,000	389,565,000
1981.....	78,400	1,889,000	63,659,000	3,650,000	7,010,000	417,095,000
1982.....	45,400	926,000	32,317,000	3,700,000	7,855,000	361,330,000
1983.....	65,300	1,233,000	38,963,000	3,650,000	7,635,000	389,385,000
1984.....	67,500	1,480,000	33,596,000	3,700,000	7,695,000	377,055,000
1985.....	53,200	1,229,000	35,027,000	3,300,000	6,755,000	283,710,000
1986.....	59,000	1,387,000	45,078,000	3,450,000	7,388,000	251,192,000
1987.....	60,200	1,102,000	39,121,000	3,100,000	6,865,000	274,600,000
1988.....	62,200	1,319,000	56,981,000	3,400,000	6,510,000	413,385,000
1989.....	62,200	1,169,000	50,501,000	3,200,000	5,705,000	430,228,000
1990.....	71,000	1,491,000	59,789,000	3,650,000	7,205,000	410,548,000
1991.....	78,100	1,578,000	61,542,000	3,600,000	7,473,000	335,856,000
1992.....	77,500	1,387,000	54,925,000	3,450,000	7,793,000	350,570,000
1993.....	79,600	1,473,000	52,586,000	3,450,000	7,323,000	359,011,000
1994.....	74,100	1,504,000	54,896,000	3,300,000	7,415,000	391,490,000
1995.....	72,300	1,186,000	40,798,000	3,150,000	7,200,000	407,700,000
1996.....	51,200	913,000	40,537,000	3,150,000	7,455,000	470,033,000
1997.....	60,300	1,013,000	36,063,000	3,200,000	6,790,000	485,941,000
1998.....	47,400	934,000	32,877,000	3,200,000	7,680,000	363,150,000
1999.....	66,200	1,258,000	41,766,000	3,200,000	7,700,000	286,440,000
2000.....	54,800	1,112,000	32,470,000	2,950,000	5,945,000	409,228,000
2001.....	41,400	840,000	30,996,000	3,200,000	7,400,000	507,230,000
2002.....	42,000	760,000	30,400,000	3,050,000	5,750,000	481,425,000
2003.....	42,400	861,000	36,420,000	3,150,000	7,600,000	407,290,000
2004.....	47,500	1,050,000	41,895,000	2,800,000	6,423,000	323,853,000
2005.....	45,300	924,000	39,824,000	2,850,000	6,945,000	337,970,000
2006.....	57,800	1,347,000	59,942,000	2,750,000	5,588,000	495,484,000
2007.....	44,300	1,041,000	42,056,000	2,650,000	6,185,000	532,455,000
2008.....	37,300	843,000	42,824,000	2,570,000	6,232,000	537,344,000
2009.....	52,600	1,294,000	70,652,000	2,700,000	6,235,000	450,565,000
2010.....	47,500	1,131,000	82,111,000	2,690,000	6,349,000	460,122,000
2011.....	51,600	1,285,000	93,163,000	2,480,000	5,624,000	634,291,000
2012.....	48,900	1,457,000	89,751,000	2,570,000	4,072,000	779,784,000
2013.....	44,200	1,313,000	-	2,500,000	4,935,000	735,630,000

* Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Livestock Inventory in Nebraska, 1949-2013*

Year	CATTLE		SHEEP	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
1949.....	3,856,000	520,560,000	729,000	12,585,000
1950.....	3,843,000	476,532,000	558,000	10,349,000
1951.....	4,105,000	685,535,000	765,000	19,051,000
1952.....	4,575,000	841,800,000	871,000	22,229,000
1953.....	4,992,000	559,040,000	810,000	12,674,000
1954.....	4,752,000	427,680,000	788,000	10,496,000
1955.....	5,065,000	471,045,000	849,000	13,219,000
1956.....	4,759,000	390,238,000	695,000	9,391,000
1957.....	4,455,000	392,040,000	780,000	11,318,000
1958.....	4,533,000	580,224,000	759,000	13,759,000
1959.....	4,886,000	815,962,000	813,000	15,634,000
1960.....	5,072,000	664,432,000	836,000	12,653,000
1961.....	5,134,000	698,224,000	811,000	11,796,000
1962.....	5,434,000	787,930,000	723,000	9,537,000
1963.....	5,773,000	894,815,000	671,000	10,188,000
1964.....	6,048,000	792,288,000	634,000	8,791,000
1965.....	6,077,000	704,932,000	585,000	9,247,000
1966.....	6,259,000	863,742,000	577,000	11,104,000
1967.....	6,377,000	962,927,000	569,000	10,946,000
1968.....	6,394,000	952,706,000	451,000	8,665,000
1969.....	6,330,000	1,006,470,000	393,000	8,535,000
1970.....	6,330,000	1,171,050,000	377,000	9,318,000
1971.....	6,457,000	1,194,545,000	370,000	7,955,000
1972.....	6,780,000	1,457,700,000	366,000	8,601,000
1973.....	6,865,000	1,750,575,000	370,000	9,620,000
1974.....	7,410,000	2,185,950,000	290,000	9,425,000
1975.....	6,900,000	1,035,000,000	240,000	6,960,000
1976.....	6,550,000	1,244,500,000	210,000	7,245,000
1977.....	6,450,000	1,322,250,000	190,000	7,030,000
1978.....	6,500,000	1,560,000,000	237,000	11,613,000
1979.....	6,450,000	2,644,500,000	175,000	11,375,000
1980.....	6,400,000	3,168,000,000	210,000	14,595,000
1981.....	6,850,000	3,116,750,000	250,000	16,375,000
1982.....	7,250,000	2,936,250,000	225,000	12,263,000
1983.....	7,200,000	2,736,000,000	205,000	10,865,000
1984.....	6,900,000	2,760,000,000	195,000	9,750,000
1985.....	6,300,000	2,583,000,000	165,000	8,580,000
1986.....	6,000,000	2,370,000,000	160,000	9,600,000
1987.....	5,800,000	2,378,000,000	173,000	13,148,000
1988.....	5,700,000	2,907,000,000	180,000	14,940,000
1989.....	5,600,000	3,276,000,000	169,000	13,520,000
1990.....	5,700,000	3,391,500,000	177,000	12,744,000
1991.....	5,900,000	4,041,500,000	165,000	11,055,000
1992.....	5,800,000	3,654,000,000	144,000	7,344,000
1993.....	5,900,000	3,953,000,000	136,000	8,568,000
1994.....	6,150,000	4,212,750,000	95,000	6,650,000
1995.....	6,000,000	3,721,000,000	105,000	7,875,000
1996.....	6,500,000	3,250,000,000	105,000	10,080,000
1997.....	6,650,000	3,724,000,000	95,000	8,835,000
1998.....	6,750,000	4,252,000,000	100,000	10,000,000
1999.....	6,700,000	3,819,000,000	105,000	10,290,000
2000.....	6,650,000	4,455,500,000	102,000	11,220,000
2001.....	6,600,000	4,686,000,000	114,000	13,680,000
2002.....	6,400,000	4,416,000,000	101,000	10,908,000
2003.....	6,200,000	4,464,000,000	97,000	11,834,000
2004 ²	6,200,000	5,456,000,000	102,000	13,668,000
2005.....	6,300,000	5,733,000,000	92,000	13,432,000
2006.....	6,500,000	6,370,000,000	106,000	16,112,000
2007.....	6,650,000	5,918,500,000	90,000	12,330,000
2008.....	6,450,000	6,127,500,000	80,000	10,720,000
2009.....	6,350,000	5,524,500,000	71,000	9,372,000
2010.....	6,300,000	5,355,000,000	74,000	9,842,000
2011.....	6,200,000	6,488,000,000	74,000	12,654,000
2012.....	6,450,000	7,998,000,000	77,000	17,633,000
2013.....	6,300,000	7,875,000,000	80,000	15,920,000

* Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Livestock Inventory in Nebraska, 1949-2013 (Cont'd.)

Year	CHICKENS		SWINE	
	Number	Value	Number	Value
1949	13,066,000	18,815,000	2,403,000	109,817,000
1950	13,552,000	16,262,000	2,499,000	79,968,000
1951	12,913,000	16,141,000	2,999,000	116,961,000
1952	12,652,000	15,815,000	3,239,000	99,437,000
1953	11,423,000	12,565,000	2,397,000	71,910,000
1954	11,810,000	15,353,000	2,061,000	94,600,000
1955	11,563,000	9,250,000	2,308,000	83,319,000
1956	11,167,000	11,725,000	2,423,000	42,402,000
1957	11,615,000	11,034,000	1,841,000	52,837,000
1958	10,896,000	12,530,000	2,080,000	71,968,000
1959	11,047,000	10,826,000	2,579,000	91,554,000
1960	10,425,000	6,985,000	2,502,000	48,038,000
1961	9,938,000	10,435,000	2,527,000	74,799,000
1962	9,224,000	7,471,000	2,704,000	78,146,000
1963	8,177,000	6,494,000	2,758,000	79,430,000
1964	7,952,000	6,759,000	2,868,000	69,979,000
1965	7,532,000	6,478,000	2,696,000	68,478,000
1966	6,719,000	6,450,000	2,561,000	123,696,000
1967	6,819,000	6,819,000	2,766,000	97,640,000
1968	6,259,000	4,569,000	3,043,000	\$87,334,000
1969	5,343,000	4,595,000	3,226,000	98,070,000
1970	4,979,000	5,228,000	3,000,000	120,600,000
1971	5,230,000	4,969,000	3,691,000	86,739,000
1972	4,812,000	4,379,000	3,322,000	97,999,000
1973	4,427,000	4,427,000	3,300,000	143,550,000
1974	4,630,000	7,408,000	3,455,000	214,210,000
1975	4,450,000	7,788,000	3,050,000	134,200,000
1976	4,250,000	7,225,000	2,700,000	230,850,000
1977	3,830,000	6,894,000	3,100,000	147,250,000
1978	4,090,000	6,953,000	3,150,000	211,050,000
1979	4,200,000	7,350,000	3,650,000	323,025,000
1980	3,930,000	7,074,000	4,150,000	251,075,000
1981	4,000,000	7,600,000	3,900,000	308,100,000
1982	4,150,000	8,093,000	4,100,000	305,450,000
1983	4,050,000	8,303,000	3,800,000	357,200,000
1984	3,850,000	7,315,000	4,000,000	256,000,000
1985	4,000,000	9,000,000	3,700,000	297,850,000
1986	3,970,000	8,933,000	3,900,000	288,600,000
1987	4,000,000	8,600,000	3,950,000	375,250,000
1988	4,450,000	10,680,000	4,050,000	315,900,000
1989	4,150,000	8,093,000	4,150,000	292,575,000
1990	5,250,000	11,550,000	4,200,000	348,600,000
1991	6,200,000	16,740,000	4,300,000	378,400,000
1992	7,900,000	16,590,000	4,500,000	310,500,000
1993	9,250,000	17,575,000	4,600,000	326,600,000
1994	9,000,000	14,400,000	4,300,000	322,500,000
1995	10,600,000	20,140,000	4,350,000	239,250,000
1996	11,005,000	20,910,000	4,050,000	287,550,000
1997	11,493,000	24,135,000	3,550,000	337,250,000
1998	12,126,000	25,465,000	3,500,000	315,000,000
1999	13,129,000	27,760,000	3,400,000	156,400,000
2000	13,864,000	25,538,000	3,000,000	219,000,000
2001	13,895,000	25,011,000	3,050,000	240,950,000
2002	13,704,000	24,667,000	2,900,000	243,600,000
2003	13,474,000	24,745,000	3,000,000	235,000,000
2004	14,223,000	25,601,000	2,900,000	205,900,000
2005	13,972,000	26,547,000	2,850,000	313,500,000
2006	13,813,000	29,007,000	2,900,000	290,000,000
2007	13,165,000	23,697,000	3,050,000	292,800,000
2008	12,257,000	29,965,000	3,350,000	261,300,000
2009	11,505,000	25,311,000	3,350,000	318,250,000
2010	11,773,000	25,901,000	3,100,000	279,000,000
2011	11,290,000	32,741,000	3,150,000	409,500,000
2012	11,325,000	33,975,000	3,000,000	375,000,000
2013	11,420,000	41,112,000	3,050,000	449,500,000

* Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Nebraska Commercial Cattle Slaughter, 2008-2013*

Number of Head

Month	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
January	583,600	542,400	548,400	563,600	538,700	577,100
February	541,200	497,900	514,200	530,700	518,100	479,800
March	550,600	548,700	579,200	585,100	554,300	518,800
April	610,300	547,700	573,200	528,700	507,600	562,200
May	652,300	578,700	563,200	558,500	599,100	609,200
June	633,000	600,400	620,300	618,900	586,700	578,700
July	646,200	607,200	595,800	561,700	563,300	613,800
August	605,500	563,600	589,600	621,600	623,500	598,900
September	600,600	580,900	588,100	580,900	535,800	557,300
October	614,200	609,900	585,300	593,000	611,900	635,800
November	531,000	540,000	592,700	567,200	572,100	584,800
December	543,800	548,600	588,400	555,700	520,700	552,700
Total	7,112,300	6,766,000	6,938,400	6,865,600	6,731,800	6,869,100

* Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Nebraska Commercial Hog Slaughter, 2008-2013*

Number of Head

Month	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
January	720,700	665,300	591,900	640,700	673,600	692,400
February	645,700	612,100	579,300	580,900	659,100	592,500
March	669,600	667,800	677,800	667,100	684,100	643,700
April	691,800	649,900	621,900	589,600	624,600	648,700
May	582,100	589,500	541,000	598,700	649,700	613,300
June	593,200	611,800	646,800	625,700	596,800	546,100
July	649,600	627,900	605,800	574,800	615,600	616,600
August	649,400	618,200	628,400	654,200	683,900	647,400
September	686,500	658,000	626,400	675,400	645,200	624,700
October	726,800	703,900	698,500	715,200	742,900	702,500
November	642,300	639,800	687,600	678,000	659,000	633,500
December	692,800	646,900	693,800	711,900	656,400	634,200
Total	7,950,500	7,691,100	7,599,200	7,712,200	7,890,800	7,595,600

* Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Nebraska Agricultural and Horticultural Land and Assessed Value,* 1911-2013**

Year	Total Acres Assessed	Assessed Value ¹		Year	Total Acres Assessed	Assessed Value ¹	
		Total	Av. Per Acre			Total	Av. Per Acre
1911.....	36,445,453	\$953,952,145	\$26.17	1963	-	1,311,309,620	-
1912.....	38,094,777	1,143,705,685	30.02	1964	-	1,323,914,363	-
1913.....	40,020,007	1,149,658,970	28.73	1965	-	1,470,722,492	-
1914.....	41,739,991	1,168,479,990	27.99	1966	-	1,680,167,588	-
1915.....	42,583,294	1,181,680,550	27.75	1967	-	3,669,246,614	-
1916.....	44,186,146	1,332,301,595	30.15	1968.....	44,063,435	3,881,568,864	88.00
1917.....	45,128,866	1,349,630,240	29.91	1969.....	43,694,572	5,345,141,823	122.00
1918.....	45,140,226	1,356,420,765	30.05	1970.....	46,279,247	5,427,710,974	117.00
1919.....	45,703,561	1,379,883,290	30.19	1971.....	45,120,776	5,390,417,415	119.00
1920	-	2,231,644,795	-	1972.....	45,734,398	5,453,562,984	119.00
1921.....	46,389,534	1,831,048,877	39.47	1973.....	43,910,816	5,539,325,951	126.00
1922.....	46,421,647	1,753,312,309	37.77	1974.....	45,384,354	5,614,403,127	124.00
1923.....	46,487,757	1,797,276,553	38.45	1975.....	46,181,535	5,614,731,876	122.00
1924.....	46,452,035	1,773,564,474	38.18	1976.....	44,681,250	5,544,959,785	124.00
1925.....	46,466,452	1,774,883,955	38.20	1977.....	44,301,898	5,746,969,817	130.00
1926.....	46,611,649	1,775,231,543	38.09	1978.....	43,580,731	6,513,965,625	149.00
1927.....	46,611,594	1,778,440,372	38.15	1979.....	45,235,603	10,575,130,059	234.00
1928.....	46,990,280	1,780,032,546	38.87	1980.....	45,411,926	12,302,690,613	271.00
1929.....	46,622,760	1,782,761,375	38.23	1981.....	45,318,422	12,420,321,626	274.00
1930.....	46,802,438	1,736,632,786	37.10	1982.....	45,332,996	12,476,187,818	275.00
1931.....	46,700,008	1,736,537,692	37.18	1983.....	45,432,091	12,563,327,936	277.00
1932.....	46,811,348	1,435,384,208	30.66	1984.....	45,349,478	12,605,580,123	278.00
1933.....	46,663,197	1,148,126,823	24.53	1985.....	45,300,858	12,653,851,842	279.00
1934.....	46,791,712	1,140,556,070	24.43	1986.....	44,997,447	10,801,719,469	240.00
1935.....	46,758,936	1,140,719,997	24.40	1987.....	44,982,531	10,048,549,082	223.00
1936.....	46,689,217	1,136,629,834	24.34	1988.....	44,977,148	10,044,095,177	223.00
1937.....	46,559,004	1,136,408,362	24.41	1989.....	44,973,179	13,509,990,165	300.00
1938.....	46,538,928	1,132,457,641	24.33	1990.....	44,968,234	14,932,726,422	332.00
1939.....	46,513,633	1,129,400,943	24.28	1991.....	44,955,365	14,941,628,961	332.00
1940.....	46,412,020	1,032,542,666	22.25	1992.....	44,952,269	15,067,165,467	335.00
1941.....	46,443,145	1,032,947,415	22.24	1993.....	44,954,824	15,632,689,146	348.00
1942.....	46,318,850	1,015,787,214	21.93	1994.....	44,938,474	15,755,958,953	351.00
1943.....	46,792,892	1,014,720,112	22.65	1995.....	44,911,156	15,927,873,795	355.00
1944.....	46,229,000	1,011,977,480	21.88	1996.....	44,904,241	16,313,358,103	363.00
1945.....	46,007,166	1,012,107,904	22.00	1997.....	44,845,860	16,950,349,716	377.00
1946.....	46,211,342	1,019,839,596	22.07	1998.....	44,861,318	18,148,208,170	405.00
1947.....	47,362,375	1,020,672,019	21.55	1999.....	44,887,776	19,423,637,757	433.00
1948.....	46,304,492	1,039,775,246	22.45	2000.....	44,830,771	20,364,989,503	454.00
1949.....	46,197,015	1,044,759,818	22.61	2001.....	46,231,558	21,206,151,632	459.00
1950.....	46,180,741	1,050,704,960	22.75	2002.....	46,136,711	21,904,383,603	475.00
1951.....	46,215,244	1,051,439,473	22.75	2003.....	46,234,805	22,878,527,654	495.00
1952.....	46,109,591	1,075,753,423	23.33	2004.....	46,191,209	23,893,955,082	517.00
1953.....	46,192,963	1,289,292,253	27.91	2005.....	46,184,758	25,247,883,070	547.00
1954.....	46,130,648	1,185,564,100	25.92	2006.....	46,146,038	27,405,855,640	594.00
1955.....	46,242,575	1,201,915,450	25.99	2007.....	46,091,863	28,247,701,115	613.00
1956.....	46,058,603	1,197,076,098	26.00	2008.....	46,078,247	31,188,979,673	677.00
1957.....	46,058,603	1,194,160,550	25.93	2009.....	46,067,703	35,015,240,244	760.00
1958.....	46,058,603	1,429,928,290	31.05	2010.....	46,053,271	39,170,246,449	850.00
1959	-	1,219,362,899	-	2011.....	46,041,470	43,676,096,811	949.00
1960	-	1,228,721,457	-	2012.....	46,034,034	49,269,767,529	1,070.00
1961	-	1,272,133,894	-	2013.....	46,032,974	60,557,058,156	1,315.00
1962	-	1,293,221,683	-				

* Assessed farm land only (leased school land not included.) Values equalized by the State Board of Equalization and Assessment from 1920 to 1996; values equalized by the Tax Equalization and Review Commission since 1997. Between 1920 and 1928, there was some slight difference between the assessed and equalized value. Since 1929, the equalized value is used only as the assessed value.

** Source: Nebraska Department of Revenue, Property Assessment Division.

¹ Up to 1920, the assessed value is 20 percent of actual value. From 1921 to 1952, the assessed value is 100 percent of actual value. From 1953 to 1955, the assessed value is 50 percent of actual value. From 1956 to 1957, the assessed value is 50 percent of base value. From 1958 to 1980, the assessed value is 35 percent of actual value. From 1981 to 1991, agricultural land is assessed at 100 percent of actual value. From 1992 to 2006, agricultural land is assessed at 80 percent of actual value. Beginning in 2007, agricultural and horticultural land is assessed at 75 percent of actual value.

Gross Farm Marketing Cash Receipts, 1993-2012*

Crops

Month	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
January	471,114	409,123	428,838	512,007	633,307	611,655	437,823
February.....	156,019	173,271	213,317	362,027	379,330	279,701	158,642
March	205,571	177,862	257,768	291,033	381,143	283,956	239,204
April.....	162,963	100,930	158,592	243,276	284,192	198,752	132,600
May.....	123,967	127,253	169,191	191,860	223,192	150,549	119,472
June.....	131,747	125,316	186,859	110,245	209,438	197,417	170,830
July.....	216,786	197,042	272,485	233,625	305,890	250,718	173,016
August.....	196,258	148,658	281,776	170,581	246,539	219,680	213,361
September.....	184,267	238,703	247,039	181,311	227,757	228,529	196,422
October.....	338,054	465,221	557,775	539,584	541,982	591,937	475,691
November.....	439,892	553,436	662,504	569,215	442,888	454,335	277,413
December.....	391,936	393,864	401,314	518,684	422,923	425,662	370,242
Total.....	3,018,574	3,110,679	3,837,458	3,923,448	4,298,581	3,892,891	2,964,716

Month	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
January	503,687	296,120	411,202	422,451	537,893	413,519	430,836
February.....	193,247	199,793	200,881	247,066	261,309	403,185	278,280
March	248,501	155,214	244,756	262,177	322,278	307,980	254,769
April.....	126,247	125,455	193,052	232,915	210,246	181,982	234,025
May.....	132,805	168,982	194,645	189,238	124,553	190,435	222,383
June.....	127,164	222,535	170,975	127,728	159,827	226,413	202,247
July.....	162,113	327,896	305,715	215,867	207,054	257,216	315,191
August.....	165,257	71,950	249,706	173,071	163,576	215,965	246,660
September.....	238,478	194,193	285,442	273,673	273,274	269,463	242,179
October.....	477,784	568,758	533,900	817,534	534,325	717,568	802,807
November.....	316,651	482,237	439,812	616,498	635,563	402,562	875,589
December.....	348,381	319,472	352,216	498,724	487,005	368,674	457,425
Total.....	3,040,315	3,132,605	3,582,302	4,076,942	3,916,903	3,954,962	4,562,391

Month	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
January	580,385	1,037,114	1,024,110	842,764	1,774,264	1,480,654
February.....	324,077	695,917	520,373	502,659	782,645	1,147,161
March	412,802	629,109	735,327	557,736	734,655	1,070,522
April.....	294,234	503,797	544,629	450,700	599,505	660,746
May.....	241,197	266,443	632,670	345,967	431,362	522,017
June.....	344,031	638,867	474,236	391,613	526,044	607,816
July.....	530,059	773,634	477,730	615,015	619,924	596,415
August.....	330,225	453,377	365,661	490,814	704,164	638,731
September.....	379,727	406,461	498,789	559,236	529,656	515,701
October.....	1,097,168	958,619	1,142,341	1,291,192	2,036,523	2,013,597
November.....	934,152	923,822	1,257,168	1,451,247	1,897,416	1,938,667
December.....	991,112	914,177	1,123,659	1,330,517	1,508,500	1,502,601
Total.....	6,459,169	8,201,337	8,796,693	8,829,460	12,144,658	12,694,628

* Source: USDA, ERS. All figures are in thousands of dollars.

Gross Farm Marketing Cash Receipts, 1993-2012*

(Cont'd.)

Livestock and Livestock Products

Month	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
January	387,155	559,022	442,809	464,501	414,337	399,229	434,216
February.....	529,850	465,636	360,237	509,663	399,985	389,687	419,719
March	336,459	440,777	367,866	452,612	482,581	481,528	501,124
April.....	394,085	337,077	433,226	483,522	401,464	384,127	408,760
May.....	548,213	480,478	476,927	496,559	426,784	406,976	496,951
June.....	515,108	411,278	412,291	438,780	519,124	495,369	428,429
July.....	481,932	398,352	472,419	412,119	437,932	414,181	430,761
August.....	643,967	513,529	407,557	420,623	512,705	494,233	509,047
September.....	499,048	415,513	414,284	370,597	521,915	398,748	432,683
October.....	643,013	518,843	485,898	423,350	417,824	419,652	463,758
November.....	487,985	475,994	393,022	431,721	507,188	471,334	485,404
December.....	386,154	382,440	479,532	414,638	465,352	370,136	398,766
Total.....	5,852,969	5,398,939	5,146,068	5,318,685	5,507,191	5,125,200	5,409,618

Month	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
January	527,054	523,598	462,989	541,929	531,030	591,977	603,889
February.....	462,778	432,793	438,398	524,215	546,018	547,303	558,387
March	454,152	435,878	438,197	607,943	653,397	635,510	646,090
April.....	453,617	516,268	531,457	523,269	527,450	581,391	592,183
May.....	560,699	480,312	427,452	575,665	751,534	681,206	695,193
June.....	487,838	501,156	429,434	725,168	586,199	705,296	720,724
July.....	558,272	570,272	522,918	561,149	567,527	667,403	680,935
August.....	463,631	474,259	467,394	574,239	693,739	713,567	728,534
September.....	482,939	510,951	571,983	703,593	595,841	616,597	629,787
October.....	592,796	611,733	477,849	499,986	619,209	657,692	670,850
November.....	435,454	477,416	501,495	472,041	688,226	658,122	671,618
December.....	436,800	563,397	570,767	561,389	580,041	582,410	594,202
Total.....	5,916,030	6,098,033	5,840,333	6,870,586	7,340,211	7,638,474	7,792,392

Month	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
January	711,530	682,524	585,916	671,524	799,498	934,782
February.....	658,837	658,504	551,607	634,038	754,511	880,600
March	636,140	628,249	601,939	709,938	843,968	983,612
April.....	606,578	595,810	582,665	683,380	812,948	950,441
May.....	711,481	702,378	600,587	660,739	786,407	919,953
June.....	759,898	745,407	628,019	731,472	870,212	1,019,674
July.....	738,207	724,190	641,817	718,839	855,133	1,001,732
August.....	793,981	778,288	602,098	704,604	838,648	985,013
September.....	687,172	676,690	635,525	732,128	870,680	1,019,035
October.....	775,419	766,287	668,602	735,738	875,595	1,024,830
November.....	712,977	706,104	585,443	739,005	879,620	1,030,928
December.....	668,144	656,723	587,073	731,713	871,139	1,020,654
Total.....	8,460,364	8,321,154	7,271,291	8,453,118	10,058,359	11,771,254

* Source: USDA, ERS. All figures are in thousands of dollars.

Nebraska Irrigation Statistics, 2007-2014*

County and District	Wells Registered to Jan. 1 2014 ¹	Total Acres Irrigated ²	
		2007	2012
Banner.....	415	16,056	15,173
Box Butte.....	1,296	143,021	141,563
Cheyenne.....	567	51,318	48,677
Dawes.....	86	17,572	21,390
Deuel.....	307	17,853	17,382
Garden.....	396	44,854	35,725
Kimball.....	398	33,283	34,353
Morrill.....	986	144,581	128,633
Scotts Bluff.....	853	155,576	199,195
Sheridan.....	690	56,977	60,699
Sioux.....	362	51,498	39,527
NORTHWEST.....	6,356	732,589	742,317
Arthur.....	91	8,242	12,401
Blaine.....	142	13,650	6,977
Boyd.....	107	4,488	5,221
Brown.....	466	51,923	40,156
Cherry.....	578	44,734	50,879
Garfield.....	233	20,620	22,477
Grant.....	26	1,475	1,703
Holt.....	3,446	339,080	280,234
Hooker.....	32	2,995	3,124
Keya Paha.....	334	18,124	20,138
Logan.....	268	24,756	22,968
Loup.....	131	10,375	8,222
McPherson.....	116	9,675	7,113
Rock.....	716	43,586	36,290
Thomas.....	42	3,208	2,944
Wheeler.....	639	44,072	39,363
NORTH.....	7,367	641,003	560,210
Antelope.....	2,549	261,266	249,735
Boone.....	1,711	173,086	184,700
Burt.....	560	42,938	37,576
Cedar.....	1,297	112,123	139,048
Cuming.....	528	51,158	52,445
Dakota.....	152	20,414	29,301
Dixon.....	256	21,583	23,966
Knox.....	714	51,751	63,949
Madison.....	1,098	107,885	122,039
Pierce.....	1,342	128,897	130,027
Stanton.....	436	31,201	28,398
Thurston.....	140	7,813	11,915
Wayne.....	358	42,736	49,807
NORTHEAST.....	11,141	1,052,851	1,122,906
Buffalo.....	3,607	269,141	240,799
Custer.....	2,253	333,441	261,502
Dawson.....	3,657	263,867	248,463
Greeley.....	853	76,393	88,190
Hall.....	3,974	206,897	207,639
Howard.....	1,142	104,273	115,436
Sherman.....	702	72,256	71,109
Valley.....	595	99,325	93,080
CENTRAL.....	16,783	1,425,593	1,326,218

* Sources: Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Nebraska Irrigation Statistics, 2007-2014 (Cont'd.)

County and District	Wells Registered to Jan. 1 2014	Total Acres Irrigated ²	
		2007	2012
Butler.....	1,413	117,973	110,839
Cass	52	2,959	3,513
Colfax.....	1,102	62,481	66,796
Dodge.....	1,796	116,051	117,968
Douglas.....	388	13,804	19,770
Hamilton.....	2,985	257,748	235,492
Lancaster.....	384	15,553	21,428
Merrick.....	5,055	163,806	167,430
Nance.....	1,251	69,428	63,316
Platte.....	2,137	208,388	194,037
Polk.....	1,929	164,566	151,016
Sarpy.....	157	11,844	10,385
Saunders.....	1,103	93,428	105,618
Seward.....	1,451	127,433	129,932
Washington.....	149	18,479	17,279
York.....	3,030	254,711	252,439
EAST	24,382	1,698,652	1,667,258
Chase.....	1,432	185,274	159,692
Dundy	1,047	112,676	94,837
Frontier.....	705	53,702	53,286
Hayes.....	519	65,655	57,112
Hitchcock.....	554	18,998	21,491
Keith.....	1,204	116,106	115,304
Lincoln.....	2,297	322,916	239,819
Perkins.....	940	133,393	127,855
Red Willow.....	1,010	55,075	53,127
SOUTHWEST	9,708	1,063,795	922,523
Adams	2,442	203,549	215,269
Franklin.....	1,080	87,295	85,752
Furnas	914	51,894	66,352
Gosper.....	765	81,402	98,765
Harlan	1,102	107,551	93,336
Kearney.....	2,110	216,336	194,547
Phelps.....	2,150	246,754	231,896
Webster.....	739	62,363	55,006
SOUTH	11,302	1,057,144	1,040,923
Clay.....	2,309	218,108	191,700
Fillmore.....	2,158	223,522	210,981
Gage.....	711	59,275	63,795
Jefferson.....	878	80,979	92,769
Johnson.....	241	11,281	14,298
Nemaha.....	146	8,439	11,402
Nuckolls.....	867	61,115	65,246
Otoe.....	67	4,150	8,412
Pawnee.....	4	4,620	7,305
Richardson	59	2,180	4,686
Saline.....	1,277	81,850	108,115
Thayer	1,662	131,413	135,509
SOUTHEAST	10,379	886,932	914,218
TOTAL	97,418	8,558,559	8,296,573

¹ Data from the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources.

² The USDA Census of Agriculture is conducted every five years.

Nebraska Farm Size, 2012*

County	Number of Farms	Acres of Farmland	Average Size of Farms in Acres	County	Number of Farms	Acres of Farmland	Average Size of Farms in Acres
Adams	567	340,538	601	Jefferson.....	627	352,233	562
Antelope	767	475,017	619	Johnson.....	587	197,632	337
Arthur	85	452,774	5,327	Kearney.....	344	293,608	854
Banner.....	193	422,276	2,188	Keith.....	388	541,266	1,395
Blaine.....	117	402,530	3,440	Keya Paha.....	244	465,741	1,909
Boone.....	646	434,370	672	Kimball.....	402	597,573	1,487
Box Butte.....	466	675,405	1,449	Knox.....	1,080	627,735	581
Boyd.....	266	290,987	1,094	Lancaster.....	1,836	489,023	266
Brown.....	328	725,395	2,212	Lincoln.....	1,168	1,423,398	1,219
Buffalo.....	1,046	580,579	555	Logan.....	149	330,151	2,216
Burt.....	560	309,934	553	Loup.....	138	282,989	2,051
Butler.....	840	370,086	441	Madison.....	753	351,799	467
Cass.....	731	344,869	472	McPherson.....	118	470,820	3,990
Cedar.....	939	466,473	497	Merrick.....	492	235,072	478
Chase.....	342	541,250	1,583	Morrill.....	512	799,003	1,561
Cherry.....	566	3,756,545	6,637	Nance.....	355	208,146	586
Cheyenne.....	555	702,970	1,267	Nemaha.....	451	253,340	562
Clay.....	457	330,534	723	Nuckolls.....	435	349,710	804
Colfax.....	554	257,628	465	Otoe.....	897	387,715	432
Cuming.....	918	362,926	395	Pawnee.....	540	268,815	498
Custer.....	1,352	1,503,594	1,112	Perkins.....	394	556,663	1,413
Dakota.....	243	157,976	650	Phelps.....	405	331,390	818
Dawes.....	493	824,038	1,671	Pierce.....	677	329,181	486
Dawson.....	806	630,466	782	Platte.....	942	426,329	453
Deuel.....	237	276,729	1,168	Polk.....	466	245,268	526
Dixon.....	570	298,996	525	Red Willow.....	405	419,608	1,036
Dodge.....	767	330,044	430	Richardson.....	736	319,179	434
Douglas.....	396	86,123	217	Rock.....	247	644,551	2,610
Dundy.....	251	520,849	2,075	Saline.....	756	361,904	479
Fillmore.....	472	328,386	696	Sarpy.....	396	91,718	232
Franklin.....	338	287,684	851	Saunders.....	1,204	469,462	390
Frontier.....	317	452,108	1,426	Scotts Bluff.....	966	445,217	461
Furnas.....	389	435,711	1,120	Seward.....	992	354,857	358
Gage.....	1,263	534,402	423	Sheridan.....	536	1,534,321	2,863
Garden.....	261	1,026,191	3,932	Sherman.....	414	281,176	679
Garfield.....	226	345,908	1,531	Sioux.....	354	1,224,389	3,459
Gosper.....	260	289,872	1,115	Stanton.....	619	254,418	411
Grant.....	80	493,352	6,167	Thayer.....	432	326,300	755
Greeley.....	389	338,271	870	Thomas.....	87	367,535	4,225
Hall.....	593	329,668	556	Thurston.....	367	247,605	675
Hamilton.....	572	304,395	532	Valley.....	402	349,404	869
Harlan.....	360	312,759	869	Washington.....	821	248,088	302
Hayes.....	235	385,168	1,639	Wayne.....	518	279,951	540
Hitchcock.....	299	399,247	1,335	Webster.....	423	302,253	715
Holt.....	1,279	1,414,445	1,106	Wheeler.....	198	357,134	1,804
Hooker.....	82	436,820	5,327	York.....	541	339,591	628
Howard.....	682	312,234	458	State Totals.....	49,969	45,331,783	907

* Source: USDA 2012 Census of Agriculture, which is conducted every five years.

Nebraska Farm Financial and Real Estate Statistics, 1990-2012*

Year	Number of Farms	NET INCOME		GOVT. PAYMENTS		REAL ESTATE
		Total ¹	Per Farm Dollars	Total ¹	Per Farm Dollars	Value/ Acre
1990.....	57,000	2,510	44,027	625	10,959	524
1991.....	56,000	2,274	40,611	491	8,762	517
1992.....	56,000	2,511	44,830	479	8,549	517
1993.....	56,000	2,009	35,866	806	14,398	514
1994.....	56,000	2,243	40,051	348	6,219	550
1995.....	56,000	1,662	29,671	507	9,059	580
1996.....	56,000	3,467	61,902	389	6,942	610
1997.....	55,000	2,023	36,783	455	8,265	620
1998.....	55,000	1,816	33,011	815	14,813	645
1999.....	54,000	1,707	31,609	1,412	26,146	675
2000.....	52,000	1,453	27,944	1,408	27,072	710
2001.....	50,000	1,914	38,283	1,298	25,964	735
2002.....	49,400	867	17,543	539	10,917	760
2003.....	48,500	2,758	56,866	726	14,966	775
2004.....	48,300	3,583	74,182	729	15,092	810
2005.....	48,000	2,971	61,896	1,421	29,604	910
2006.....	47,600	2,007	42,164	812	17,062	1,030
2007.....	47,700	2,944	61,719	464	9,722	1,140
2008.....	48,200	3,993	82,842	519	10,939	1,330
2009.....	48,600	3,156	64,938	419	- ²	1,320
2010.....	49,500	3,862	81,305	509	- ²	1,470
2011.....	49,700	7,419	149,276	470	- ²	1,840
2012.....	50,000	5,952	119,040	480	- ²	2,420

*Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, ERS

¹ Amount in hundreds of thousands of dollars

² Not available

State Athletic Commissioner

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Acting State Athletic Commissioner: Aaron Hendry

Deputy Athletic Commissioner: Brian Dunn

Statutory Reference: 81-8,128

The Office of the State Athletic Commissioner is under the general supervision of the Lottery and Charitable Gaming Division of the Nebraska Department of Revenue.⁵

The commissioner, appointed by the governor for a two-year term, has sole jurisdiction and control over amateur and professional mixed martial arts, professional wrestling, professional boxing and sparring matches and exhibitions held within the state. Exceptions are events held by universities, colleges, high schools, military branches and events held by recognized amateur associations for contestants under the age of 16. The commissioner licenses contestants, promoters, managers, seconds, ringside physicians, judges and referees; promulgates rules and regulations governing bouts; controls and supervises ticket sales and the issuing of complimentary tickets; revokes licenses and issues suspensions when necessary; and controls the number of mixed martial arts, wrestling, boxing and sparring matches or exhibitions held in Nebraska. The commissioner and deputy commissioner are assisted by seven inspectors in carrying out the duties of the office.

Department of Banking and Finance

Office Address: 1526 K St., Suite 300, P.O. Box 95006 Lincoln, NE 68509-5006, phone (402) 471-2171, website — www.ndbf.ne.gov

Director: Mark Quandahl

Statutory Reference: 81-101

Publications: Annual report, rules, policy statements, interpretative opinions, statutes governing: state-chartered banks, savings and loans, building and loan associations, trust companies, credit unions, licensed lenders, delayed deposit services companies, securities, loan brokers, mortgage bankers and rental purchase agreements. All publications are available on the department's website.

The department began as the State Banking Board in 1895. In 1919, the board's duties were transferred to the Bureau of Banking in the Department of Trade and Commerce. In that same year, regulation of securities was transferred from the Railway Commission to the Department of Trade and Commerce and operated as the Bureau of Securities.

The Department of Banking was made a separate agency in 1933. In 1939, securities enforcement was transferred to the department and, in 1976, the Legislature changed the agency's name to the Department of Banking and Finance. The department is entirely cash funded through assessments and fees collected from the industries it supervises.

The Department of Banking and Finance:

- charters banks, trust companies, savings and loan/building and loan associations

⁵For more information about the Lottery and Charitable Gaming Division, see Page 565.

and credit unions

- licenses installment loan, sales finance, delayed deposit services, funds transmission, mortgage banking, broker-dealer and investment adviser firms
- grants individual licenses to bank executive officers, credit union loan officers, mortgage loan originators, securities agents and investment adviser representatives
- registers the sale of stock and other securities
- administers, enforces and investigates suspected violations of the following Nebraska laws: the Banking Act, Trust Company Act, Bank Holding Company Act, Credit Union Act, Money Transmitters Act, Securities Act, Commodity Code, Installment Sales Act, Installment Loan Act, Loan Broker Act, Delayed Deposit Services Licensing Act, Residential Mortgage Licensing Act, Consumer Rental Purchase Agreement Act and the Seller-Assisted Marketing Plan Act

Department of Correctional Services

Office Address: Folsom and West Prospector Place, Building 1, P.O. Box 94661, Lincoln, NE 68509-4661, phone (402) 471-2654, fax (402) 479-5623, website — www.corrections.state.ne.us

Director: Scott R. Frakes

Statutory References: 81-101 and 83-171

The 1973 Legislature created the Department of Correctional Services. It had been a division within the Department of Public Institutions.

The governor appoints the department director. The department's operating funds come from state general funds, supplemented by federal funds and certain cash funds.

The mission of the department is to serve and protect the public by providing control, humane care and program opportunities for those individuals placed in its custody and supervision, thereby facilitating their return to society as responsible persons.

Prior to Jan. 1, 1997, the department had an Office of Juvenile Services, which had oversight over programs and facilities for juvenile offenders. The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services now oversees programs and functions of the Office of Juvenile Services.

Sections within the director's office are:

- **Legal Services.** This section gives the department legal advice on various issues, including legislation and inmate rules, and represents the department in administrative proceedings.
- **Health Services.** This section provides healthcare services via professionally staffed and licensed infirmaries and outpatient clinics. Contractual arrangements with local hospitals and specialized medical professionals supplement institutional services. This section also provides mental health, substance abuse and psychiatric treatment.
- **Planning/Research Accreditation.** This section researches; gathers information; makes plans and assists management; evaluates the correctional system and coordinates the department's accreditation process; coordinates department policy, public information; manages federal grants; coordinates the department's inmate drug testing and drug intelligence programs; and conducts research and major requests for information.
- **Cornhusker State Industries/Federal Surplus Property.** This section manages the

correctional industries program for producing goods and services for state government agencies. This section screens, transfers, administers, markets and places federal surplus property with eligible public and nonprofit organizations in the state.

- **Organizational Development.** This section coordinates the department's Continuous Quality Initiative. This section also supervises the Staff Training Academy, a central training academy for employees.

- **Legislative Coordinator/PIO.** This section serves as a point of contact between the Department of Correctional Services and the Governor's Policy Research Office and the Legislature. The section also is tasked with coordinating all aspects of the legislative process within the agency and providing public information.

Administrative Services

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Statutory Reference: 83-922

Sections within Administrative Services include:

- **Budget.** This section plans, organizes and monitors the department's fiscal allocations and fiscal reporting systems. Fiscal and accounting data are compiled to use in budget evaluation and adjustment, cost analysis and budget projections.

- **Engineering.** This section plans, supervises and engineers new or remodeled facilities and gives the department advice and assistance on preventative maintenance.

- **Fiscal Management.** This section coordinates the agency's accounting functions, including payments and investment of surplus funds. It is the clearing center for all transfer appropriations, expenditure documents, and grant award monitoring and reporting, and it also is responsible for inmate trust fund activities, including receipt and disbursement of individual inmate funds, payroll and savings accounts. This section also supervises the administration of grants, including coordinating and managing all aspects of the department's grant activities from federal, state and other funding sources to support worthy and qualifying projects; providing technical assistance to agency staff on all grant activities including preparation, application, monitoring and reporting; and reviewing and responding to all sub grantee applications and inquiries as well as conducting program audits.

- **Human Resources and Development.** This section oversees and manages employee recruitment, retention, competitive compensation and benefits, employee training and development, quality improvement, personal mastery, organization effectiveness, leadership development and employee communication.

- **Information Systems.** This section provides department-wide help regarding data management, technical expertise and information retrieval.

- **Purchasing/Inventory/Food Service.** This section coordinates the department's purchasing and inventory operations. This section also manages the purchase and inventory control of food items, food equipment and commodities, including the provision of contractual technical assistance with licensed dietitians.

- **Safety/Sanitation/ADA.** This section conducts inspections and provides assistance in the correction of safety hazards and sanitation needs and provides technical advice, develops policy and processes requests for accommodations from employees, inmates and the public, providing technical assistance and training.

Programs and Community Services

Contact Person: Larry Wayne, Deputy Director, Division of Programs and Community Service, Folsom and West Prospector Place, Building 1, P.O. Box 94661, Lincoln, NE 68509-4661, phone (402) 471-2654, fax (402) 479-5623

Statutory Reference: 83-922

The Division of Programs and Community Service is responsible for:

- **Inmate Classification.** The division assigns inmates to the appropriate degree of incarceration, moves them through the system in a timely manner and identifies and resolves their needs through programming.
- **Records.** The division provides technical assistance for record management and serves as the depository for discharged records.
- **Interstate Corrections Compact.**⁶ The division provides for the transfer of Nebraska inmates to other states and inmates from other states to Nebraska.
- **Inmate Programs.** The division develops and oversees volunteer services, education, libraries, recreation and religion on a department-wide basis to ensure consistency.
- **Community Programs/Services.** The division oversees the Community Corrections Centers, the Work Ethic Camp and Adult Parole Administration.
- **Special Services Unit.** This section is responsible for central detainer administration, issuance of escape and absconder warrants, administrative process of formal governor's warrants and requisitions, management of the Inmate Telephone System, inmate transportation, central office key and lock control, teletype operations, radio communications coordination and law enforcement liaison.

Adult Parole Administration

Contact Person: Cathy Gibson-Beltz, Parole Administrator, Folsom and West Prospector Place, Building 1, P.O. Box 94661, Lincoln, NE 68509-4661, phone (402) 479-5771, fax (402) 479-5804

Statutory References: 83-1,100 and 83-933

Adult Parole Administration is responsible for providing statewide parole services in the community for inmates paroled from Nebraska's adult correctional institutions as well as those individuals designated Lifetime Supervision Sex Offenders. It also is responsible for those inmates from other states who have been transferred to Nebraska under the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision. Adult Parole Administration helps paroled inmates live their lives within the limits set by the community while providing supervision and assistance to enable the parolee to become a productive and law-abiding citizen.

Average monthly population (fiscal year 2014).....1,279

⁶For more information about the Interstate Corrections Compact, see Page 740.

Work Ethic Camp-McCook

Contact Person: Pamela Morello, Warden, Work Ethic Camp-McCook, 2309 N. Highway 83, McCook, NE 69001, phone (308) 345-8405, fax (308) 345-8407

The Work Ethic Camp opened April 30, 2001. The camp is designed for nonviolent, prison-bound male and female felony offenders eligible for intensive supervision probation, and male and female inmates pending parole. Offenders/inmates are sent to the Work Ethic Camp for a period not to exceed 180 days. The facility provides an evidence-based program targeting offender/inmate risks and needs. The program includes short term residential treatment, education, cognitive restructuring, life skills and job preparation. Facility work crews provide community service labor to local government and non-profit agencies. Design capacity is 100.

Average monthly population (fiscal year 2014).....173

Adult Institutions

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Statutory Reference: 83-922

Community Corrections Center-Lincoln

Contact Person: Richard Cruickshank, Warden, Community Corrections Center-Lincoln, 2720 W. Van Dorn St., Lincoln, NE 68542-2200, phone (402) 471-0740, fax (402) 471-6268

Nebraska's community-based programming for inmates, created by the 1967 Legislature, allowed a select group of inmates to be employed in the community or attend an educational program not available within the confines of the institution. Initial participants were housed in the institution during nonwork/school hours. In 1993, a new facility opened, close to the Lincoln Correctional Center, housing both male and female community-custody inmates. Work release, education release and community detail assignment opportunities are available to those inmates who are nearing release on parole or discharge from sentence. Community leave privileges in the form of passes and furloughs may be earned. Design capacity is 200 inmates.

Average monthly population (fiscal year 2014).....366

Community Corrections Center-Omaha

Contact Person: Charles West, Warden, Community Corrections Center-Omaha, 2320 Ave. J, Omaha, NE 68110-0099, phone (402) 595-2010, fax (402) 595-3701

The Community Corrections Center-Omaha has operated out of various Omaha locations since 1971. The program moved into a new facility in 1985. Located one block north of the Omaha Correctional Center, it provides work and educational release opportunities for those male and female inmates who have achieved community-custody status. Community detail assignment is available for other eligible inmates. Leave privileges in the form of passes and furloughs may be earned. Design capacity is 90 inmates.

Average monthly population (fiscal year 2014).....157

Diagnostic and Evaluation Center

Contact Person: Fred Britten, Warden, Diagnostic and Evaluation Center, 3220 W. Van Dorn St., Lincoln, NE 68522-9278, phone (402) 471-3330, fax (402) 479-6368

The Diagnostic and Evaluation Center opened in July 1979. Designated as a maximum security institution, it houses newly sentenced male inmates awaiting classification. Processing, testing, assessing and assignment functions are carried out at this facility, as well as selected psychiatric and medical services for other male facilities. Design capacity is 160 inmates.

Average monthly population (fiscal year 2014).....433

Interpretation/Translation Services

Contact Person: Matthew Heckman, Interpreter Supervisor, Lincoln Correctional Center, 3216 W. Van Dorn St., Lincoln, NE 68542-2800, phone (402) 471-2861

This section provides oral and written interpretation and translation services to inmates, inmate families and the community.

Lincoln Correctional Center

Contact Person: Mario Peart, Warden, Lincoln Correctional Center, 3216 W. Van Dorn St., Lincoln, NE 68542-2800, phone (402) 471-2861, fax (402) 479-6100

The Lincoln Correctional Center opened in 1979 and houses male inmates classified as maximum and medium custody. The facility includes general population units as well as in-patient mental health and sex offender program units. Institutional employment opportunities are available to the inmate population as are educational programming and organized recreational and leisure time activities. Design capacity is 308 inmates.

Average monthly population (fiscal year 2014).....496

Nebraska Correctional Center for Women

Contact Person: Denise Skrobecki, Warden, Nebraska Correctional Center for Women, 1107 Recharge Road, York, NE 68467-8003, phone (402) 362-3317, fax (402) 362-3892

The Nebraska Correctional Center for Women is a maximum-, medium- and minimum-security prison for women that also provides evaluation services to the state's district courts for convicted female felons before sentencing. The facility provides a nursery as well as parenting, mental health, substance abuse treatment, education, recreation and religious programs. Work opportunities include employment in correctional industries, specifically making curtains and sewing, and institutional support such as food service, maintenance and janitorial. Design capacity is 275 inmates.

Average monthly population (fiscal year 2014).....291

Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility

Contact Person: Ryan Mahr, Warden, Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility, 2610 N. 20th St. E., Omaha, NE 68110, phone (402) 595-2000, fax (402) 997-7477

The Nebraska Correctional Youth Facility opened in 1998 and is a maximum-, medium- and minimum-security prison. Designed to house young inmates who have

been adjudicated as adults, the facility accepts the youngest inmates committed to the Department of Correctional Services and has the ability to house them until they reach 21 years and 10 months of age. The facility's mission is focused on intensive programming. All inmates have work assignments. Design capacity is 68 inmates.

Average monthly population (fiscal year 2014).....70

Nebraska State Penitentiary

Contact Person: Diane Sabatka-Rine, Warden, Nebraska State Penitentiary, 4201 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68502, mailing address: P.O. Box 2500, Lincoln, NE 68542-2500, phone (402) 471-3161, ext. 3226, fax (402) 471-4326

The Nebraska State Penitentiary houses male inmates classified as maximum, medium and minimum custody. The facility includes two minimum-security dormitories and houses the Residential Treatment Community. Correctional Industries workshops provide rehabilitation through employment and work skills training for inmates. Education services are provided for inmates. The facility design capacity is 718.

Average monthly population (fiscal year 2014).....1,309

Omaha Correctional Center

Contact Person: Barbara Lewien, Warden, Omaha Correctional Center, 2323 Ave. J, Omaha, NE 68111-0099, phone (402) 595-3964, fax (402) 595-2227

The Omaha Correctional Center, established by the 1975 Legislature, is a correctional facility for medium- and minimum-security male inmates. It opened in 1984 on a 37-acre site located in east Omaha. The center provides educational, out-patient sex offender and residential substance abuse programs as well as recreational opportunities and institutional employment for inmates, including vocations such as sewing and furniture building. With an additional housing unit added in 1994, the center's design capacity is 396.

Average monthly population (fiscal year 2014).....747

Tecumseh State Correctional Institution

Contact Person: Brian Gage, Warden, Tecumseh State Correctional Institution, 2725 N. Highway 50, Tecumseh, NE 68450, phone (402) 335-5998, fax (402) 335-5115

After approval by the 1997 Nebraska Legislature, construction commenced in early 1999 for an institution designed to house maximum, medium, death row and intensive management male inmates. The institution began receiving inmates in December 2001. The institution has a design capacity of 960.

Average monthly population (fiscal year 2014).....1,000

Department of Economic Development

Office Address: 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 471-3111, toll-free phone (800) 426-6505, fax (402) 471-3778, website — www.neded.org

Director: Brenda Hicks-Sorensen

Deputy Director of Operations: Lara Huskey

Statutory References: 81-101 and 81-1201.02

Publications: *Nebraska Development News*, published online 10-12 times a year. Most publications and forms are available on the department's website.

Business Development Division

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Statutory Reference: 81-1201.07

The Business Development Division's ultimate goal is to expand job opportunities in Nebraska by attracting new business and industry, while encouraging expansion of existing industry. The division helps Nebraska communities seek new business and industry through national and international advertising, direct mail, personal calls to prospective industries and participation in trade shows of targeted industries and special events.

Promotional literature stresses the advantages of locating and expanding new businesses and industries in Nebraska. These advantages include performance-based tax incentives, the state's central location, a productive work force, reliable transportation, a generally positive business climate and low-cost, abundant energy.

Existing business assistance provides direct services, including human resource development, business financing, help in enhancing productivity, market diversification and export assistance. It also serves as a clearinghouse for referrals to other sources, such as the Nebraska Business Development Centers and the Nebraska Manufacturing Extension Partnership.

Staff coordinate labor training with industrial location and expansion through advertising, screening assessment, referral, pre-employment, on-the-job training and post-employment training for hourly employees.

Business finance consultants identify and structure financial resources to meet the needs of new and expanding businesses.

The division's One-Stop Business Assistance Center improves businesses' access to state government and reduces government's response time to business needs. The center provides information on regulations, licenses, state and federal requirements, economic development programs and assistance with marketing, business and financing research.

Community and Rural Development Division

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Statutory Reference: 81-1201.07

The Community and Rural Development Division helps communities build development capacity and provides programs and services for housing and community development.

The division has financial and technical assistance for community and economic

development. Financial resources come from the Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund and the Nebraska Microenterprise Development Program.

Community Development Block Grant awards are made to communities for economic development and community development activities. Community development grants spur local economic development by funding projects that maintain or expand needed public facilities and adequate housing. They also expand the state's economic base by helping businesses bring new income into — and prevent income from leaving — the state.

The HOME funds provide another source for community and economic development. Through the Technical Assistance Review Team, which is composed of private and public housing partners, communities in need of affordable housing may apply for funds and receive valuable technical assistance and funding for their projects.

The Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund serves as a source of affordable housing funding for the state.

The division's efforts in community betterment include the Community Development Assistance Act, which empowers the department to distribute a 40 percent state tax credit to businesses, corporations, insurance firms or financial institutions that make eligible contributions of cash, services or materials to approved community betterment projects.

The Housing and Community Development Consolidated Plan, which is the comprehensive plan that identifies the state's needs in housing, homelessness, and community and economic development, is developed every five years. The Consolidated Plan is revised and reviewed annually in the Annual Performance Report. Both are available from the department.

The division also manages the Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness. The commission is committed to developing housing and policies that foster the creation and preservation of affordable housing for all Nebraskans.

Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness

Contact Person: Bob Doty, Housing Program Manager, Community and Rural Development Division, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 471-2095, toll-free phone (800) 426-6505, fax (402) 471-3778, email address — bob.doty@nebraska.gov

The Nebraska Commission on Housing and Homelessness was established in 1998. Its purposes are to develop ongoing, specific affordable housing and homelessness policies; make recommendations to the governor on policies, plans and courses of action; and monitor implementation of the recommendations.

NCHH has 15 members appointed by the governor from private and nonprofit sectors, including planners, service providers, low-income advocacy groups, developers, bankers, builders and housing manufacturers. The Department of Economic Development provides staff support. No state funds support NCHH activities.

Member

Charles Coley, Lincoln.....	Metro Area Continuum of Care for the Homeless
Melissa DeLaet, Grand Island.....	Hope Harbor, Inc.

Affiliation

Ryan Durant, Omaha	Omaha Housing Authority
Lee Ann Heflebower, Lincoln.....	Community Action, Lancaster and Saunders Counties
Ardith M. Hoins, Davenport.....	Blue Valley Community Action
Deb Jensen, Elwood.....	Dawson Area Development
Thomas G. Judds, Ashland.....	City Impact
James E. Kozal, Scottsbluff	Platte Valley Bank
Steve Kunzman, Grand Island.....	Home Federal Bank
Kathryn Mesner, Central City	Mesner Development
Roger D. Nadrchal, Norfolk.....	Neighbor Works Northeast Nebraska
Judy Pederson, North Platte.....	Pro Printing
Erin Porterfield, Omaha	Heartland Workforce Solutions
John Turner, Lincoln	Region V Systems
Brent Williams, Lincoln.....	Excel Development Group

Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act

Contact Person: Lynn Kohout, Development Consultant, Southwest Region, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 440-2599, email address — lynn.kohout@nebraska.gov

The department provides assistance to communities that want to implement the Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act (LB840), the mechanism by which cities and villages can spend local tax dollars on local economic development programs.

International Division

Contact Person: Joe Chapuran, International Development Manager, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 658-1138, fax (402) 595-1194, email address — joe.chapuran@nebraska.gov

The International Division coordinates with other state agencies and with the governor’s office to arrange foreign marketing and investment opportunities for Nebraska business and industry.

The office’s Export Program promotes the export of Nebraska products to international markets through counseling, training and referrals to local export services. The Department of Economic Development also offers exposure to international markets and export finance programs for small business through international trade shows and governor-led trade missions abroad.

Nebraska Film Office

Contact Person: Lori Cole, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94666, Lincoln, NE 68509-4666, phone (402) 471-3746, toll-free (800) 426-6505, fax (402) 471-3778, website — www.filmnebraska.org

The Nebraska Film Office promotes Nebraska to producers of feature films, independent films, made-for-television movies, documentaries, commercials and other film-related activities. The Film Office also publishes a production guide listing services available for filmmaking in Nebraska, provides scouting services for potential projects and serves as a liaison between state agencies and local governments during filming projects.

Nebraska Energy Office

Office Address: Executive Building, 521 S. 14th St., Suite 300, P.O. Box 95085, Lincoln, NE 68509-5085, phone (402) 471-2867, fax (402) 471-3064, email address — energy@nebraska.gov, website — www.neo.ne.gov

Director: David L. Bracht

Statutory Reference: 81-1601

The office was originally created by executive order in November 1973 as the Fuel Allocation Office within the Department of Revenue. From 1977 to 1987, the Energy Office operated as a separate code agency with a stipulation in its authorizing legislation that the office could be moved into another agency by executive order. In 1987, the Energy Office became a division of the Policy Research Office by executive order. In 1991, both the Energy Office and the Policy Research Office became divisions of the Governor's Office. On July 1, 2008, the governor elevated the Energy Office to a cabinet level code agency and appointed its director.

The vision of the Nebraska Energy Office is to provide leadership that maximizes the benefits of energy efficiency and renewable energy through communication, outreach, technology and partnerships.

The mission of the office is to promote the efficient, economic and environmentally responsible use of energy. The Energy Office accomplishes this mission by administering innovative programs and implementing projects and services that inform, educate and involve energy consumers and decision makers. The Energy Office also collects essential statistical energy data and is the state's lead agency responsible for developing response recommendations during energy related emergencies.

The Energy Office:

- serves as a central repository for energy data relevant to the state
- assesses trends in the availability, use and development of all energy forms
- collects and analyzes data relating to energy needs and specifies these needs for the state
- recommends state energy policies and efficiency measures to the governor and the Legislature and carries out adopted measures
- provides the public with information on energy sources, use and conservation
- accepts and dispenses public and private funds for research studies, demonstration projects and other energy efficiency or development activities
- studies the impact and relationship of state energy policies to those on the regional and national level
- actively seeks Nebraskans' advice on energy policies and programs
- prepares emergency energy allocation plans and makes suggestions to the governor if a serious energy shortage takes place
- designs a state energy conservation program and provides technical assistance to local governments and citizens who seek information on energy efficiency opportunities and the use of renewable energy technologies

The Energy Office administers the federally funded Low Income Weatherization Assistance Program and the State Energy Program as well as other energy efficiency, conservation and renewable energy initiatives. The office also administers and enforces

the Nebraska Energy Code.

The Energy Office administers the state's Petroleum Violation Escrow funds, also known as oil overcharge funds. These funds were received as a result of federal pricing regulation violations by crude oil producers. States were required to provide restitutionary programs with these funds. Nebraska's largest restitution program is the Dollar and Energy Savings Loan Program administered by the Energy Office. This energy efficiency program partners with the state's lending institutions to provide low interest rate loans to residents for energy improvements to their homes, businesses, farms, ranches and nonprofit organizations. Funds also are available for renewable energy and alternate fuel projects throughout the state. Loans are available at more than 898 locations throughout the state and total more than \$306 million.

Department of Environmental Quality

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Acting Director: Patrick Rice

Statutory Reference: 81-1502

The Department of Environmental Control was created in 1971 by the Nebraska Environmental Protection Act. Legislation passed in 1992 changed the agency's name to the Department of Environmental Quality. The department administers the rules, regulations and standards adopted to protect and improve water, air, and land quality in the state. The department also provides services to towns, industries and citizens through several assistance programs, meetings, training, and conferences.

The Environmental Protection Act also established the Environmental Control Council, now known as the Environmental Quality Council. The department director is appointed by the governor upon recommendation of the council and with the Legislature's consent. The director serves as secretary of the council. The department operates with state general funds, cash funds and federal funds.

Air Quality Division

Air Quality Division objectives are to achieve and maintain the national and state ambient air quality standards, protect the quality of the air in areas of the state that have air cleaner than the standards, and to implement air quality rules and regulations. The division devotes extensive resources towards compliance assistance and outreach activities through its Planning and Development Program.

Permitting Programs

The department has implemented a construction permit program for air contaminant sources since the 1970s. Facilities are required to obtain a construction permit before they construct, reconstruct, or modify any air contaminant source or emission unit where there is a net increase in the potential to emit contaminants above specified levels. The department also implements the federal construction permit program

known as Prevention of Significant Deterioration. This program applies to sources that emit significant levels of air contaminants and requires the application of best available control technology.

Once constructed and operational, most facilities also must obtain an operating permit. Operating permits are issued to both large and small sources of air pollution and are renewed every five years. Operating permits include all previously issued construction conditions and federal and state performance standards.

Compliance Programs

The department operates an air quality monitoring network to determine compliance with national and state air quality standards. Two agencies assist the department with the day-to-day operation of the network: the Douglas County Health Department, and the Lincoln/Lancaster County Health Department. Monitoring is conducted for the following pollutants: particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide, ozone, lead, and total reduced sulfur.

The department conducts compliance inspections of air pollution sources, responds to citizen complaints, and observes and evaluates air contaminant emission tests. The department attempts to obtain compliance with regulations through voluntary efforts, but pursues legal enforcement actions when the issues are serious, chronic, or cannot otherwise be resolved.

Field Services and Assistance Division

This division provides a central source of technical information for the public, businesses and industries affected by environmental regulations. The division conducts inspections, provides compliance assistance, maintains monitoring programs and manages specific projects across the state.

The division maintains field offices in Omaha, Norfolk, Holdrege, North Platte, Chadron and Scottsbluff. Field office staff are responsible for conducting compliance inspections, complaint investigations, environmental sampling, project management and providing local compliance assistance for the agency's air quality, water quality and waste management divisions.

The Small Business and Public Assistance Program assists individuals, businesses and industries in complying with air quality, waste management and water quality regulations. The Small Business Compliance Advisory Panel (statutory reference: 81-1505.03) helps businesses comply with requirements of the federal Clean Air Act.

The One-Stop Permit Assistance program serves as a clearinghouse for information related to the department's various permitting processes and Title III — the Community Right-to-Know program — assists businesses subject to the state and federal Community Right-to-Know acts.

The department's Emergency Response Coordinator also is located in this division. Through the Emergency Response Program, department personnel provide technical and regulatory assistance to those responsible for spills, leaks and accidents that pose a hazard to either the environment or public health.

Legal Services Division

This division provides legal support to the director and the agency. Among its responsibilities are preparing legal opinions interpreting laws and regulations, advising the director and agency staff on duties and program responsibilities, and preparing administrative orders and other enforcement actions. The division also assists the Attorney General's office by providing legal expertise in environmental law and participating in court cases.

Management Services Division

This division provides administrative and technical support to department programs. The division is organized into the following areas of support: grants/contracts coordination, public information, human resources, fiscal services, and information technology. This division also includes the department's records management program, which is responsible for managing the agency's public records.

Waste Management Division

To protect Nebraska's land and water resources, Waste Management Division programs ensure that non-hazardous wastes are properly disposed, hazardous waste is managed from creation to disposal, and contaminated sites are investigated and cleaned up according to state and federal standards. The department also administers several waste-related grant programs.

Solid Waste Program

The Solid Waste Program is responsible for permitting and inspecting solid waste disposal areas (municipal landfills, construction and demolition disposal sites, delisted waste disposal areas, fossil fuel ash disposal areas, industrial waste disposal areas) and waste processing facilities (compost sites, material recovery (recycling) facilities, and transfer stations).

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Program

The RCRA program ensures that hazardous waste is properly managed from the point of generation until final disposal. Among this program's duties are: performing compliance inspections at facilities that generate hazardous waste; reviewing permit applications for treatment, storage and disposal facilities; approving closure and post-closure plans for hazardous waste storage areas and disposal sites; and investigating complaints. The RCRA program also helps hazardous waste generators maintain compliance with regulations through a Compliance Assistance Program.

Superfund Program

This program administers cooperative agreements with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding the federal Superfund program that was established to clean up the most seriously contaminated sites in the nation. The DEQ Superfund Program helps in the identification of potential Superfund sites and assists the EPA with ongoing work at the 15 National Priority List sites in Nebraska.

Voluntary Cleanup Program

This program provides property owners and parties responsible for contamination with a mechanism to develop voluntary cleanup plans that are reviewed and approved by the department. The program provides an avenue for businesses to proceed with cleanup of property and an opportunity for review and oversight that may not be available at the federal level.

Planning and Aid

The Waste Management Planning and Aid Unit administers the following programs:

Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Grants Program (to assist in financing sound integrated waste management programs and projects);

Litter Reduction and Recycling Grant Program (to support programs that reduce litter, provide education, and promote recycling);

Illegal Dumpsite Cleanup Program (to assist political subdivisions in the cleanup of solid waste disposed along public roadways or ditches); and

Landfill Disposal Fee Rebate Program (to provide an incentive to political subdivisions to support and encourage the purchase of products, materials, or supplies manufactured or produced from recycled material).

Water Quality Division

To protect Nebraska's surface water and groundwater resources, Water Quality Division programs ensure that petroleum leak and spill sites are investigated and cleaned up if necessary, livestock waste is properly managed and discharges of pollutants into streams and rivers do not exceed levels intended to protect aquatic life. The division conducts surface water monitoring, administers groundwater protection programs and issues permits for wastewater treatment facilities and sanitary sewer systems.

Petroleum Remediation Program

The Petroleum Remediation Program oversees the investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination resulting from leaking underground and above ground storage tanks and surface spills. The program also administers the Petroleum Release Remedial Action Reimbursement Fund (Title 200), a cleanup assistance fund for persons responsible for cleanup costs due to petroleum releases from tanks.

Agriculture Section

The Livestock Waste Control Program strives to protect Nebraska's surface water and groundwater from contamination by livestock waste by conducting inspections and issuing permits. The program requires many livestock operations to construct livestock waste control facilities. Owners must submit plans and specifications and obtain approval prior to construction and operation of the facilities. Some operations are required to monitor groundwater near their facilities. The Agriculture Section also administers the Chemigation and Agricultural Chemical Secondary Containment programs.

Surface Water and Groundwater Assessment Programs

Surface water monitoring program staff collect physical, chemical and biological water quality samples from streams, lakes and wetlands throughout the state to identify and help remediate water quality problems. Fish tissue samples are collected annually for analysis of toxic pollutants; health advisories are issued if necessary. The program also investigates fish kills and citizen complaints and, since 2004, has monitored over 30 lakes and beaches for the presence of toxic algae.

Groundwater unit assessment programs focus on assessing the quality of the state's groundwater resources and protecting those resources through project reviews, permitting, and voluntary programs. The Groundwater Management Area program focuses on assessing areas where groundwater problems from nonpoint source contaminants exist or are likely to exist. The unit conducts hydrogeologic studies and reviews, reviews and issues permits for wells used to inject fluids underground and administers the state Wellhead Protection program.

Water Quality Planning

Water Quality Planning program staff conduct a variety of planning, assessment, certification and grant activities. This unit develops water quality standards that designate the beneficial uses to be made of surface waters and the criteria to protect these uses; administers the Section 401 certification program to determine if applications for federal permits and licenses involving a discharge comply with state water quality standards; develops Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) that include pollution control goals and strategies necessary to improve the quality of impaired surface waters; administers the Nonpoint Source Management Program to protect and improve the quality of water bodies impacted by nonpoint source pollution (grants are provided for eligible projects); and administers the Source Water Assessment Program to assist in protecting public drinking water supplies and systems.

Wastewater

The department's Wastewater Section provides a variety of programs all related to wastewater treatment systems and their associated discharges. The Engineering Management program reviews planning documents and issues construction permits for wastewater treatment facilities and sanitary sewer lines. The program also provides assistance and training for wastewater facility operators.

The On-Site Wastewater program focuses on protecting surface and ground water in the area of proposed on-site systems (septic systems and small lagoons) through the certification of on-site professionals and the review of subdivision development plans.

The Wastewater Section administers two permitting programs that regulate dischargers of water pollutants: the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), and the Nebraska Pretreatment Program. NPDES permits issued to municipalities and industries place limits on the pollutants that can be discharged into Nebraska's rivers and streams. This program also issues permits that limit the discharge of pollutants in storm water from industrial, municipal and construction sites. Pretreatment Program permits protect municipal wastewater systems from damage or overloading by industries.

Financial Assistance

The agency administers the distribution of state and federal assistance through two community aid programs: the Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund, which provides low-interest loans and small town matching grants for construction of public wastewater treatment facilities and sanitary sewer collection systems; and the Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund, which provides low-interest loans for construction of public and private drinking water systems.

Environmental Quality Council

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Statutory Reference: 81-1503

The Environmental Quality Council was created to carry out the federal Environmental Protection Act, and adopts rules and regulations that set air, water and land quality standards designed to protect the environment and the public health and welfare of the state. The governor appoints the director of the Department of Environmental Quality based on recommendations by the council.

The council has 17 members appointed to four-year terms by the governor with legislative approval. Council members represent the food products manufacturing industry, conservation interests, the agricultural processing industry, the automotive or petroleum industry, the chemical industry, heavy industry, the power generating industry, crop production, labor, the livestock industry, minority populations, county government and municipal government (two members, one of which represents cities not of the primary or metropolitan class). Other members include a professional engineer experienced in controlling air and water pollution and solid wastes, a medical doctor with knowledge about the health aspects of air, water and land pollution and a biologist.

The council holds at least two regular meetings each year. Members are paid \$40 a day when conducting council business and are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Douglas Anderson, Aurora.....	Agricultural Processing	June 22, 2015
John T. Baker, Scottsbluff	Professional Engineer	June 22, 2015
Michelle Bucklin, Omaha.....	Food Products Manufacturing.....	June 22, 2017
Joseph Citta, Jr., Columbus	Power Generating Industry	June 22, 2017
Mark Czaplewski, Grand Island.....	Biologist.....	June 22, 2017
Mohamed Dahab, Lincoln.....	Minority Populations.....	June 22, 2017
John Dilsaver, Ralston.....	Automotive/Petroleum Industry.....	June 22, 2017
Rod Gangwish, Shelton.....	Agricultural Crop Production	June 22, 2017
Robert C. Hall, Wahoo.....	Labor.....	June 22, 2017
Lance Hedquist, South Sioux City.....	Municipal Government.....	June 22, 2017
John Kinter, Norfolk.....	Heavy Industry.....	June 22, 2015
Earl McNutt, McCook	County Government	June 22, 2015
Vern Powers, Hastings.....	Municipal Government.....	June 22, 2015
Ronald Sheppard, Callaway.....	Physician.....	June 22, 2015
John C. Turnbull, York.....	Conservation	June 22, 2015
Donald E. Williams, Orchard.....	Chemical Industry.....	June 22, 2015
Alden Zuhlke, Brunswick	Livestock Industry	June 22, 2017

State Fire Marshal

Office Address: 246 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, phone (402) 471-2027

State Fire Marshal: Jim Heine

Statutory Reference: 81-501.01

Publications: Annual report

The state fire marshal's office:

- examines plans for and inspects commercial buildings to ensure compliance with adopted fire and life safety codes
- orders the removal of combustible and explosive materials from any building or premise and orders the abatement of dangerous conditions that constitute fire hazards
- orders exits and egress of buildings as necessary to ensure safe escape in case of fire
- issues permits for wholesale and retail sale of fireworks and enforces statutes applicable to the sale, use and storage of pyrotechnics
- promulgates rules and regulations and adopts recognized safety standards for fire prevention and protection in Nebraska
- promulgates and enforces regulations that set state safety standards for transporting natural and other gas by pipelines not under the jurisdiction of the Federal Power Commission or the Interstate Commerce Commission
- investigates the origin, cause and circumstances surrounding fires, explosions and similar emergencies
- enforces accessibility standards for buildings and facilities
- enforces the underground storage tank program in conjunction with the state Department of Environmental Quality
- inspects grain elevator facilities to ensure compliance with adopted fire and life safety codes
- administers a nationally accepted statistical analysis program for fire incidents
- provides statewide training programs for fire departments and other emergency response organizations
- administers and enforces the Reduced Cigarette Ignition Propensity Program

The 1909 Legislature created a Fire Commission. Its duties were transferred in 1919 to the Division of Fire Prevention in the Department of Trade and Commerce. In 1925, appointing the state fire marshal became the responsibility of the governor. The state fire marshal was placed under the Department of Trade and Commerce and in 1933, under the Department of Insurance. In 1974, the state fire marshal was made responsible to the governor by the Legislature.

Nebraska Fire Safety Appeals Board

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Statutory Reference: 81-502.01

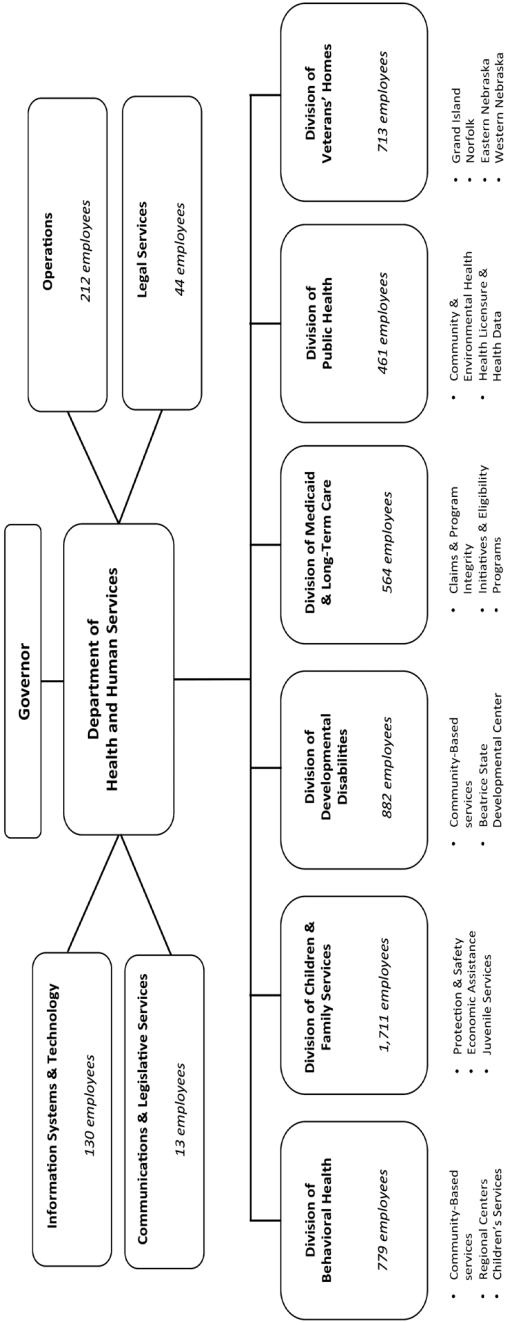
The 1971 Legislature created an advisory committee to the Office of the State Fire Marshal. In 1977, the advisory committee was changed to the Nebraska Fire Safety Ap-

peals Board. The board hears requested appeals on the application of fire regulations.

The board has nine members: a fire insurance industry representative; an architect; a public school district board member; a fire protection engineer; a fire department inspector; a volunteer fire department member; a state Department of Health and Human Services representative; a Nebraska Association of Hospitals and Health Systems representative; and a state Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure representative. Members are chosen by the governor and serve four-year terms. They are not paid but are reimbursed for their expenses.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
David Grimes, Raymond	NE Association of School Boards	Sept. 24, 2015
Dave Kozak, Grand Island.....	Nebraska Hospital Association	Sept. 24, 2015
R.J. Lippert, Lincoln	Fire Protection	Sept. 24, 2015
Robert Olson, Lincoln	Architect.....	Sept. 24, 2015
Teri Reigert, Lincoln.....	Fire Insurance Industry	Sept. 24, 2015
Robert Semerena, Lincoln	Health and Human Services.....	Sept. 24, 2015
Jeff Soukup, Lincoln.....	Health and Human Services	Sept. 24, 2015
Alan Viox, Nebraska City	City Building Inspector.....	Sept. 24, 2015
Vacant	Fire Department Inspector.....	Sept. 24, 2015

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services*



* Source: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

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Acting Chief Executive Officer: Joseph Acierno

Statutory Reference: 81-3111

LB296, the Health and Human Services Act, was passed by the Legislature in March 2007. LB296 transferred the administration of publicly funded health and human services programs in the State of Nebraska from the Health and Human Services System to the newly created Department of Health and Human Services, effective July 1, 2007. LB296 eliminated the HHS System and its three departments.

LB296 was the next step in a reorganization set forth by LB1044 in 1996, the Nebraska Partnership for Health and Human Services Act. LB1044 eliminated the Aging, Health, Public Institutions and Social Services departments and the Office of Juvenile Services in the Department of Correctional Services and created a system of three agencies beginning January 1, 1997. The agencies were the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure, and the Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support. This system was directed by a Policy Cabinet made up of the three agency directors, a policy secretary and a chief medical officer, if one was appointed.

Under LB296, a Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Health and Human Services is appointed by the Governor, and confirmed by the Legislature, to direct the Department of Health and Human Services. The Department has six divisions whose directors are also appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Legislature. These are the Divisions of Behavioral Health, the Division of Children and Family Services, the Division of Developmental Disabilities, the Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care, the Division of Public Health, and the Division of Veterans' Homes. The operations support of the Department of Health and Human Services are placed together organizationally.

Chief Executive Officer

Contact Person: Joseph Acierno, Acting CEO, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, phone (402) 471-3121

Under LB296, a Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Health and Human Services is appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Legislature to direct the Department of Health and Human Services.

Responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer include:

- supervise and administer the department and employees, and allow for transfer of personnel between divisions
- manage services and programs
- enter into necessary agreements for provision of services
- recommend legislation that is deemed necessary and appropriate
- consult and cooperate with other state agencies

- adopt and promulgate rules and regulations as required
- coordinate assistance programs under direction of the Adjutant General, established under section 81-829.72, with programs of the department
- coordinate budget, research and data collection efforts
- ensure the Legislature's Appropriations Committee is provided any information required to make funding determinations and recommendations
- seek grants and other funds from federal and other public and private sources to carry out the purposes of the act
- act as an agent of the federal government in matters of mutual concern in conformity with the Act and scope of authority of the department as provided by law
- facilitate joint planning initiatives, and encourage and direct initiatives and collaboration in the department
- delegate the authority to division directors to act as a decision maker in contested cases
- consider adopting rules and regulations regarding access to and security of confidential information among divisions and within divisions based on several factors

The directors report to the CEO. The operational support functions of Communications and Legislative Services, Information Systems and Technology and Legal Services also report to the CEO.

Communications and Legislative Services

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Communications and Legislative Services provides public information activities through media relations and outreach efforts, legislative coordination for the department, and activities of the DHHS Helpline. The Helpline responds to questions, concerns and complaints regarding Health and Human Services and publishes an annual report. The Helpline can be reached at Department of Health and Human Services, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 95026, Lincoln, NE 68509-5026, phone (402) 471-6035 or (800) 254-4202, email address — dhhs.helpline@nebraska.gov

Information Systems and Technology

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Information Systems and Technology, in partnership with DAS-Information Management Services, provides leadership, project management, planning, implementation and support services for information technology for DHHS. IS&T helps the business define automation solutions by providing an automation plan, implementation, testing and maintenance/ongoing support. IS&T also provides Help Desk support and network/hardware support to the department, including procurement, installation, local area network management and maintenance.

Legal Services

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Legal Services provides legal advice and representation for DHHS by interpreting federal laws and regulations, state statutes, and administrative rules and regulations for programs and facilities and by representing the department in administrative hearings and in some court cases. The area also drafts and reviews legislation, rules and regulations and contracts.

Operations

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Operations involves activities of the Department of Health and Human Services that provide support to the divisions. The areas include Financial Services, Human Resources and Development, Internal Audit, Operations Consulting and Support Services.

Financial Services

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Financial Services provides support to DHHS through budget development and monitoring, state and federal report compilation, performance accountability and program evaluation, audits, accounting transactions, revenue collections and monitoring, grant and contract support, Medicaid reimbursements and claims processing, financial and program analysis and cost allocation and staff development.

Human Resources and Development

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Human Resources and Development provides support to approximately 6,000 DHHS employees across the state. The division includes employee recruitment and selection, affirmative action, employee equal opportunity, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, labor relations, classification and compensation, equity and diversity, organizational development, employee training, career development, supervisory support, human resource analysis and planning, payroll processing, workers' compensation, benefits, employee and community service drives, unemployment insurance.

Internal Audit

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The Internal Audit section maintains audit records and provides a DHHS point

of contact for the coordination of all audits, reviews, attestations or site visits in which a federal or state official is reviewing one or more DHHS programs or grants with the purpose of issuing a report that may contain findings requiring a corrective action plan. Internal Audit provides information on recognized best practices and technical assistance to support DHHS in all audit activities.

Operations Consulting

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The Operations Consulting section is an internal consulting team that identifies, develops, implements and evaluates business practices throughout DHHS for efficiency and effectiveness with a concentration on improved services, reduced costs and streamlined bureaucratic process. Work involves internal DHHS, state agency and external entity stakeholders. Operations Consulting provides additional assistance to DHHS program staff to implement corrective action plans.

Support Services

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Support Services offers technical assistance and support to DHHS in purchasing; equipment inventory; surplus property; vehicle management; telecommunications; office space leasing and space planning; safety, security and emergency planning; records management; word processing; graphics; property insurance; distribution of mail, forms and supplies; and food stamp issuance.

Division of Behavioral Health

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The Division of Behavioral Health administers the three state Regional Centers for the mentally ill and the state's publicly funded community-based behavioral health services.

Hastings Regional Center: William Gibson, Chief Executive Officer, P.O. Box 579, Hastings, NE 68901-0579, phone (402) 462-3127, email address — bill.gibson@nebraska.gov

Lincoln Regional Center: William Gibson, Chief Executive Officer, Folsom and West Prospector Place, P.O. Box 94949, Lincoln, NE 68509-4949, phone (402) 479-5388, email address — bill.gibson@nebraska.gov

Norfolk Regional Center: William Gibson, Chief Executive Officer, P.O. Box 1209, Norfolk, NE 68702-1209, phone (402) 370-3400, email address — bill.gibson@nebraska.gov

Statutory References for Regional Centers: 83-107.01 and 83-305

Behavioral Health implements mental health, substance abuse and problem gambling programs through community and regional clinical programs and services.

Through its mental health programs, the area administers developmental and regional center clinical programs and services. Community mental-health programs operate under six regional governing boards, which administer or contract with local community mental health programs to provide comprehensive emergency, short-term inpatient, day rehabilitation and treatment, residential, vocational support, service coordination, consultation and education and specialized child and adolescent services.

Changes in the behavioral health system as a result of LB1083, passed in 2004, are intended to create a balance between hospital and community-based services and develop alternative psychiatric residential rehabilitation services that allow people to live in the community when appropriate. The role of the three regional centers is to provide indigent acute care and secure residential services. Community-based alternatives for mental health rehabilitation services, such as assertive community treatment teams, expanded community support and day rehabilitation, will be located in community settings.

A State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services (statutory reference: 71-814) identifies program needs, offers guidance and acts as an advocate for the interests of consumers and their families, and makes recommendations to DHHS.

The program plans and distributes state general fund money to community-based programs that provide substance abuse prevention, intervention, treatment and aftercare services. It also administers the alcohol and drug abuse portion of the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Services Block Grant. Community alcoholism treatment and rehabilitation programs fall under six mental health and substance abuse governing boards. To ensure services meet minimum quality standards, staff visit sites to certify program compliance.

Two advisory committees assist in the work of the Division of Behavioral Health, including the State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services (statutory reference: 71-814) and the State Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse Services (statutory reference: 71-815).

State Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse Services

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Member	Represents	Term Expires
Ann Ebsen, Bellevue	Region 6.....	July 1, 2015
Ingrid Gansebom, Norfolk	Region 4.....	July 1, 2015
Paige Hruza, Omaha.....	Region 6.....	July 1, 2016
Jay Jackson, Columbus	Region 4.....	July 1, 2017
Dusty Lord, Lincoln	Region 5.....	July 1, 2016
Kimberley Mundil, Raymond	Region 5.....	July 1, 2015
Michael Phillips, Omaha	Region 6.....	July 1, 2016
Randy See, Grand Island.....	Region 3.....	July 1, 2017
Todd Stull, Omaha.....	Region 6.....	July 1, 2017
Mary Wernke, Hemingford.....	Region 1.....	July 1, 2017
Sheri Dawson, Lincoln.....	Region 5.....	Jan. 1, 2015

State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services

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Member	Represents	Term Expires
Mickey Adler, Lincoln	Consumer, Region 5.....	July 1, 2017
Adria Bace, Lincoln	State Department of Education, Region 5.....	July 1, 2015
Karla Bennetts, Wilcox.....	Family, Region 4.....	July 1, 2016
Cindy Buesing, Lincoln	DHHS Medicaid, Region 5.....	July 1, 2017
Sheri Dawson, Lincoln.....	DHHS Behavioral Health, Region 5	June 1, 2015
Beverly Ferguson, Norfolk	Family, Region 4.....	July 1, 2015
Kathleen Hanson, Lincoln	Consumer, Region 5.....	July 1, 2015
Bradley Hoefs, Elkhorn	Consumer, Region 6.....	July 1, 2015
Jette Hogenmiller, Ft. Calhoun	Family, Region 6.....	July 1, 2016
Lara Huskey, Lincoln	Department of Economic Development, Region 5.....	Jan. 1, 2016
Patti Jurjevich, Omaha.....	Program Administrator, Region 6.....	July 1, 2016
Linda Krutz, Lincoln.....	Crime Commission, Region 5.....	July 1, 2015
Jerry McCallum, Madison	Regional Governing Board, Region 4	July 1, 2015
Phyllis McCaul, Lincoln	Family, Region 5.....	July 1, 2017
Kasey Moyer, Lincoln.....	Family/Provider, Region 5.....	July 1, 2015
Ashley Pankonin, North Platte	Family, Region 2.....	July 1, 2017
Rachel Pinkerton, Valley	Family, Region 6.....	July 1, 2015
Joel Schneider, Omaha	Consumer, Region 6.....	July 1, 2017
Jill Schreck, Lincoln	DHHS Children and Family Services, Region 5.....	Jan. 1, 2015
Mark Schultz, Lincoln	Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Region 5.....	July 1, 2015
Mary Thunker, Omaha.....	Consumer, Region 6.....	July 1, 2017
Diana Waggoner, Omaha.....	Family, Region 6.....	July 1, 2016
Cameron White, Lincoln.....	Department of Corrections, Region 5.....	July 1, 2016

Division of Children & Family Services

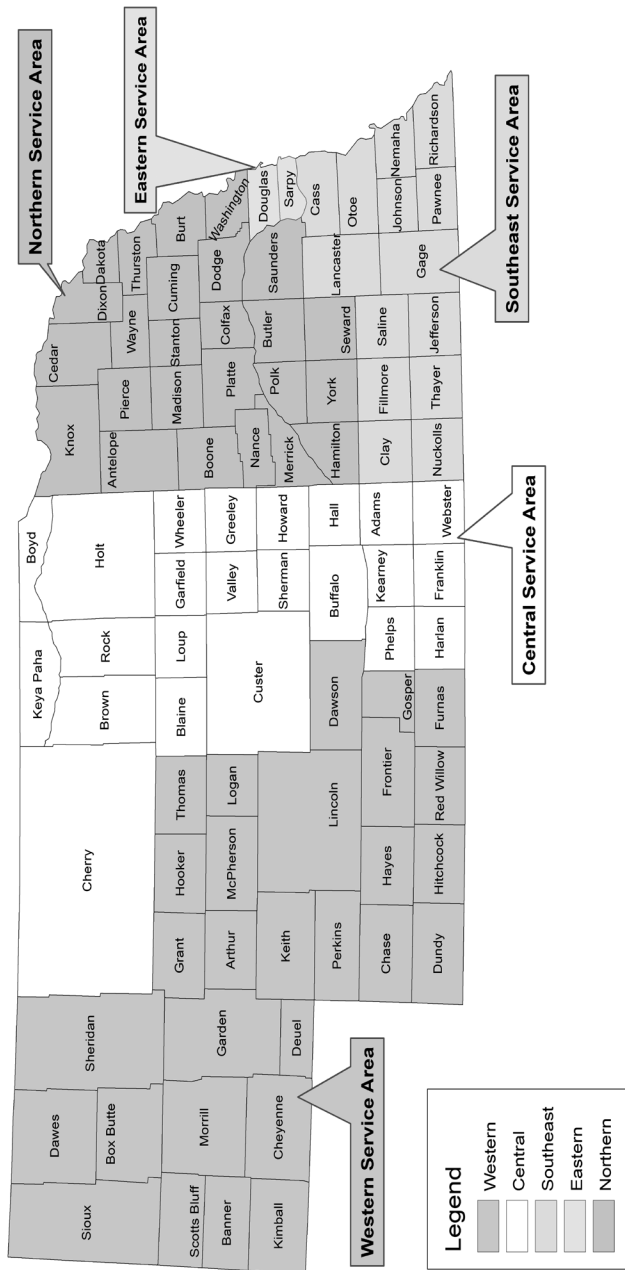
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The Division of Children and Family Services administers Child Welfare and the Office of Juvenile Services; Economic and Family Support programs and services, including public assistance programs and child support enforcement. There are five Service Areas that organize the division's work geographically across the state. Service Area employees are responsible for the administration and delivery of services at the local level.

Protection and Safety Field Operations

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Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Service Areas



* Source: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.

Responsibilities of this area include the delivery of protection and safety services to children and families across the state. The outcomes are to achieve the safety of children, ensure permanency and encourage physical, educational and mental well-being. These results are accomplished by assessing the risks of child abuse, neglect and exploitation; helping people become or remain self-supporting and independent; and providing services for dependent, neglected and status offender youth and their families.

A Field Operations Administrator oversees the five administrators in the field who are responsible for the delivery of these services:

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Includes Adams, Blaine, Boyd, Brown, Buffalo, Cherry, Custer, Franklin, Garfield, Greeley, Hall, Harlan, Holt, Howard, Kearney, Keya Paha, Loup, Phelps, Rock, Sherman, Valley, Webster and Wheeler counties.

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Includes Douglas and Sarpy counties.

Northern Service Area: Mike Puls, Administrator, P.O. Box 339, 209 N. Fifth St., Norfolk, NE 68702-0339, phone (402) 370-3359, email address — mike.puls@nebraska.gov

Includes Antelope, Boone, Burt, Butler, Cedar, Colfax, Cuming, Dakota, Dixon, Dodge, Hamilton, Knox, Madison, Merrick, Nance, Pierce, Platte, Polk, Saunders, Seward, Stanton, Thurston, Washington, Wayne and York counties.

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Includes Butler, Cass, Clay, Fillmore, Gage, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Nuckolls, Otoe, Pawnee, Polk, Richardson, Saline and Thayer counties.

Western Service Area: Debbie Silverman, Interim Administrator, P.O. Box 540, 1600 10th St., Gering, NE 69341, phone (308) 436-6551, email address — debbie.silverman@nebraska.gov

Includes Arthur, Banner, Box Butte, Chase, Cheyenne, Dawes, Dawson, Deuel, Dundy, Frontier, Furnas, Garden, Gosper, Grant, Hayes, Hitchcock, Hooker, Keith, Kimball, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, Morrill, Perkins, Red Willow, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, Sioux and Thomas counties.

Protection and Safety Policy Section

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This area sets policy and procedures, develops and monitors comprehensive planning efforts such as develops and monitors contracts, manages federal audits and assures quality for family and child welfare programs. These programs include child

protective services, foster care, adoption and subsidized adoption programs, adoption search, preparation for independent living, the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children, help for victims of domestic abuse and resource development.

The area administers the Child Abuse Prevention Fund and the Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board.

Adult Protective Services administers a central registry, which contains reports of abuse, neglect or exploitation of vulnerable adults, and provides training and technical assistance to DHHS staff.

Juvenile Services

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Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney: Jana Peterson, Facility Administrator, 2802 30th Ave., Kearney, NE 68847-9599, phone (308) 338-2000, email address — jana.peterson@nebraska.gov

Statutory References: 43-404 and 83-107.01

Juvenile Services originally was established in 1994 within the Department of Correctional Services. The programs and functions of the office were transferred to DHHS in 1997.

The functions of the Office of Juvenile Services include administration of the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Centers (YRTCs) in Kearney and Geneva and juvenile community supervision services. The office provides, coordinates and monitors community-based services and programs for juveniles and their families committed to the office's custody.

Juvenile services officers are responsible for case management of juveniles committed to the office and supervising juveniles paroled from the YRTCs or committed by the courts for direct community placement.

YRTC-Geneva houses adjudicated female juveniles committed to Juvenile Services by the juvenile courts for staff-secure residential custody.

YRTC-Kearney houses adjudicated male juveniles committed Juvenile Services by the juvenile courts for staff-secure residential custody.

Both centers provide education and specialized treatment designed to meet the developmental needs of juveniles and to redirect their behavior.

Economic Assistance

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This area develops statewide public assistance policies and procedures for economic assistance programs and is responsible for the delivery of services through the Service

Areas and four customer service centers in Fremont, Lexington, Lincoln and Scottsbluff. Services include: Aid to Dependent Children; Employment First; State Supplemental Assistance for the Aged, Blind or Disabled; the State Disability Program; the Low-Income Energy Block Grant; Child Care Subsidy; Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; Child Support Enforcement; and the Refugee Resettlement Program.

Aid to Dependent Children provides financial assistance to dependent children deprived of support or care from parents because their parents have died, are absent from home, are physically or mentally unable, are without a job or work only part-time. State Supplemental Assistance to the Aged, Blind or Disabled provides financial help to needy aged, blind or disabled adults. People eligible for these two programs also are eligible for medical assistance.

Employment First provides job training, education and employment preparation to those who receive Aid to Dependent Children benefits. Supportive services, including medical and childcare, are provided for up to two years after a cash grant ceases to ensure the person is able to keep his or her job.

State Disability provides financial and medical assistance to needy adults who are temporarily disabled and do not qualify for Supplemental Security Income, State Supplement or Medical Assistance.

Low-Income Energy Assistance helps low-income Nebraskans defray their utility costs. Also, LIHEAP recipients' homes are weatherized upon request through local community action agencies.

Refugee Resettlement assists with refugees' financial and medical assistance during their initial resettlement in the United States.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly the Food Stamp Program, enables low-income households to buy a greater variety of food to provide a more nutritious diet. Each participant gets a coupon allotment based on the number of people in the household and the household's net total income.

The Food Distribution Program Unit administers U.S. Department of Agriculture surplus food and commodity distribution to school lunch programs and coordinates commodity distribution to needy individuals.

The Nebraska child care program assists Nebraska families with the costs of child care, provides funding for child care providers to help them expand services within a community and provides training and development opportunities for child care providers and parents.

Help with child care expenses is available, on a sliding fee scale, to families with children 12 years of age or younger and/or with special needs. Family members must be employed, attend school or training sessions, go to medical or counseling appointments or be incapacitated.

The Nebraska Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council (statutory reference: 43-3401) provides coordination for the state agencies responsible for childcare, early childhood education services and early intervention services.

Child Support Enforcement

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Child Support Enforcement services include locating parents, establishing paternity, establishing child and medical support orders, enforcing support orders and reviewing and modifying court orders. The methods available to locate parents and collect support have increased because of recent legislation tied to welfare reform efforts, including a new hire registry and license suspension for people failing to pay support. Child Support Enforcement services are provided through a network of DHHS staff, county attorneys, authorized attorneys and contracted service providers.

Division of Developmental Disabilities

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The Division of Developmental Disabilities is charged by state statute with carrying out the Development Disabilities Services Act and operating the Beatrice State Developmental Center (a 24-hour intermediate care facility for persons with developmental disabilities).

Community-Based Services

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The responsibility of the community-based services component is to link individuals with developmental disabilities to supports and services. This includes identifying non-specialized community supports; assessing the need for specialized services; providing certification of and technical assistance to providers of community-based developmental disability services; monitoring service delivery and administering state and federal funds used by specialized developmental disability programs in the state. The Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities (statutory reference: 83-1212.01) gives advice on the funding and delivery of services to persons with developmental disabilities.

Beatrice State Developmental Center

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Statutory References for BSDC: 83-107.01 and 83-217

The Beatrice State Developmental Center is a residential facility providing on-site intensive 24-hour habilitative and medical services to about 400 Nebraskans with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities. The center's Intensive Treatment Service helps people find increased opportunities through 30- to 90-day stays and home site follow-through. BSDC sponsors an annual conference that has become a national event drawing nearly 2,000 participants.

Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care

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The Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care administers the medical assistance program, also known as Medicaid; the Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP); aging services; and other related programs and services.

Claims and Program Integrity Section

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This section is responsible for claims processing for Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) including all hospital, practitioner and provider claims. The claims processing unit also is responsible for the Medicaid Inquiry Line, the Electronic Data Interchange for providers, Provider Enrollment, Coordination of Benefits - Health and Casualty and Third Party Liability, Estate Recovery and School-Based Programs (MIPS and NEBMAC).

The purpose of the Program Integrity Unit is to identify and prevent areas of fraud, abuse and waste for the Nebraska Medicaid and CHIP programs.

Initiatives and Eligibility Section

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This section sets client eligibility policy for Medicaid and CHIP, supports implementation of eligibility policy and coordinates oversight. The Medicaid IT Initiatives Unit houses a Medicaid Quality Unit, the EHR Incentive Payment Program and staff with expertise in project coordination and funding requirements who serve as business leads on various information technology-related projects.

Programs Section

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This section is responsible for program policy for acute care services that include physical health services; mental health/substance abuse services; pharmacy, including services provided in hospitals, Rural Health Clinics, free standing birth centers and Federally Qualified Health Centers; at-risk managed care programs for physical and mental health/substance abuse; transportation brokerage; long-term care services and supports, including nursing facility services, ICF/MRs, home health services, private duty nursing and Home and Community Based Service Waivers (HCBS); and state and grant funded programs including the Medically Handicapped Children's Program, the Disabled Persons and Family Support Program, Social Services Block Grant and Respite.

This section also includes the State Unit on Aging.

Division of Public Health

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The Division of Public Health administers preventive and community health programs and services, the regulation and licensure of health-related profession, occupations, health care facilities and health care services.

If the director of public health is licensed to practice medicine and surgery in Nebraska, he or she is also the chief medical officer. If the director of public health is not licensed to practice medicine and surgery in Nebraska, the governor appoints a chief medical officer in addition to the director. The chief medical officer is the final decision maker in contested cases of health care facilities and professionals, performs duties under current licensing laws and other duties as provided by law.

Community and Environmental Health Section

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Lifespan Health Services

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This area promotes public health activities that enhance the health of families and individuals through education, prevention of disease, reduction of morbidity and mortality and access to appropriate services. This mission is carried out through a wide range of programs and activities.

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program provides education and foods distributed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through eight local agencies statewide to low-income seniors age 60 and older.

The Immunization Program provides vaccines, assessment and informational support to immunization clinics and private providers for children from infancy to college freshmen. The program also provides selected vaccines for eligible adults and information about Hepatitis B prevention, adult immunization and travel immunizations. Newborn Screening and Genetics coordinates the screening of all newborns in the state for 28 metabolic, endocrine, hematologic and other conditions. The area funds certain formulas and medically necessary foods for persons with these disorders. This area also coordinates newborn hearing screening, including tracking and referral activities.

Maternal Child Adolescent Health promotes school and community health programs, works with consumers and providers on a number of maternal and child health issues and administers the Healthy Mothers/Healthy Babies Helpline and a number of other programs including Abstinence Education; Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood

Home Visiting and Personal Responsibility and Education.

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) is a preventive nutrition and health program for pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants and children up to age 5 that provides nutrient-specific foods, nutrition and health education through 13 local agencies that serve more than 110 clinic sites.

MCH Epidemiology plans and manages data and surveillance projects, including the Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring Systems and the Child and Maternal Death Review Team.

The Nebraska Child and Maternal Death Review Team initially grew out of recommendations from a task force of the Nebraska Commission for the Protection of Children. (Statutory Reference: 71-3406). The commission was created by then-Gov. Ben Nelson in July 1991 to assess the status of child protection practices in the state and to develop an implementation plan to improve such practices.

The Child Death Review Task Force was assigned the responsibility of planning for the development of state and local child death review teams in Nebraska. The task force recommended the establishment of a state child death review team to review detailed information on Nebraska child deaths. The result of this recommendation was LB431, enacted in 1993. Maternal death reviews were added through LB361, enacted in 2013.

The chief executive officer of DHHS can appoint 12 to 15 members to the Child and Maternal Death Review Team. The core members are a physician and a DHHS child protection specialist, a forensic pathologist, a law enforcement representative and an attorney. Members serve four-year terms, except for the department physician, who is a permanent member and chairperson of the team. The team meets at least four times a year.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Karen Authier, Elkhorn.....	Social Worker.....	July 1, 2018
Robert Bonebrake, Omaha.....	Obstetrician.....	July 1, 2018
Robert Brown, Omaha.....	Pathologist.....	July 1, 2016
Suzanne Haney, Omaha.....	Pathologist.....	July 1, 2018
Don Klein, Omaha.....	County Attorney.....	July 1, 2018
Doris Lassiter, Omaha.....	Child Health Consultant.....	July 1, 2018
Howard Needelman, Omaha.....	Neonatologist.....	July 1, 2018
Mary Jo Pankoke, Lincoln.....	Child Welfare Specialist.....	July 1, 2018
Connie Pfeifer, Lincoln.....	Children and Family Services, DHHS.....	July 1, 2018
Peg Prusa-Ogea, Lincoln.....	Injury Prevention, DHHS.....	July 1, 2018
Julie Rogers, Lincoln.....	Child Welfare Specialist.....	July 1, 2018
Cary Simpson, Lincoln.....	Social Worker.....	July 1, 2018
David Thome, Grand Island.....	Law Enforcement.....	July 1, 2018
Joseph Acierno, Omaha (Chair).....	Chief Medical Officer, DHHS.....	Nonexpiring

Reproductive Health provides education and comprehensive medical reproductive health services to men and women on a sliding fee scale. Medical services include breast and pelvic exams, pap smears, blood pressure, urinalysis, sexually transmitted disease testing and treatment, pregnancy testing, contraceptive methods, follow-up and referral.

Women’s and Men’s Health programs provide screening, data and public health

education specific to the health concerns of women and men. These concerns include colorectal, breast and cervical cancer, weight management, heart disease and other special initiatives. Included is the Every Woman Matters Program, which provides women with screening and diagnostic services for breast, cervical and colorectal cancers; prevention and screening for cardiovascular disease and diabetes; and education on arthritis.

The 1995 Legislature passed LB68, which created the Every Woman Matters Breast and Cervical Cancer Advisory Committee (Statutory Reference: 71-7012). The purpose of the committee is to encourage payment of public and private funds into the Breast and Cervical Cancer Cash Fund, plan and implement outreach and educational programs for Nebraska women and research and recommend to DHHS appropriate expenditures from the cash fund.

The committee consists of no more than 24 volunteer members, appointed by the DHHS director, at least eight of whom must be women. Members serve two-year renewable terms.

The Women's Health Initiative (Statutory Reference: 71-701) was established in 2000 to improve the health of women in Nebraska by fostering the development of a comprehensive system of coordinated services, policy development, advocacy and education. The 30-member Women's Health Initiative Advisory Council, appointed by the governor, advises the Women's Health Initiative in carrying out its duties and solicits funds to support the initiative (Statutory Reference: 71-702). Two state senators serve as ex officio, nonvoting members.

Health Promotion

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Health Promotion focuses on specific areas of chronic disease and works to reduce or prevent negative outcomes through public education, surveillance, interventions and prevention activities. The area includes the Tobacco Free Nebraska Program, the Comprehensive Cancer Program, and the Chronic Renal Disease Program, which assists people suffering from chronic renal disease and who are unable to pay for services on a continuing basis. The area also oversees oral health and dentistry, chronic disease prevention – including diabetes, heart disease, stroke, school health, nutrition and physical activity – organ and tissue donation and injury prevention and control.

Infectious Disease includes the Ryan White Program, which helps people with HIV infection to access healthcare and support services, and the human immunodeficiency virus, sexually transmitted diseases, hepatitis and tuberculosis prevention programs.

Community and Rural Health Planning

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The major functions of this area are to support rural health care through the placement of medical providers in underserved areas, provide funding for quality improvement

activities, encourage collaboration among hospitals and providers and share information regarding system changes affecting hospitals and clinics. The office promotes the development and enhancement of emergency medical services and trauma systems and provides technical assistance and training to EMS providers.

The office also provides information, assistance and funding to address health disparities; supports local public health departments and communities in achieving national accreditation; performs assessment, assurance and policy development to enhance public health; advocates for people with developmental disabilities and provides grants to address gaps and barriers in the system of services for people with disabilities.

The Rural Health Advisory Commission (statutory reference: 71-5654), staffed by Rural Health, advises DHHS, the Legislature, the governor and the University of Nebraska concerning all aspects of rural health. It also advises the Office of Rural Health regarding the administration of the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act.

The Office of Health Disparities and Health Equity focuses on improving minorities' access to health services, improving data collection strategies and expanding community-based health promotion and disease prevention outreach efforts. Two satellite offices are located in Omaha and Lexington.

The Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities (Statutory Reference: Federal Public Law 103-230) develops a statewide plan for persons with developmental disabilities; evaluates quality of services; advocates promoting human and legal rights of persons with developmental disabilities; stimulates service activities in the priority service areas; and evaluates implementation of the state plan.

The Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems strengthens emergency care through cooperative partnerships, assessment, training and technical assistance. The office developed and maintains a system for voluntary hospital trauma designation.

The Office of Community Health and Performance Management provides technical assistance, training and funding to local public health departments; coordinates performance management and quality improvement activities for the Division of Public Health; and supports activities to achieve national accreditation for the state public health division and local public health departments.

Environmental Health

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Environmental Health includes the Risk Assessment Program, Office of Environmental Health Hazards and Indoor Air, Office of Radiological Health, Office of Drinking Water and Environmental Health and the Office of Public Health Environmental Laboratory Services.

The Risk Assessment Program is responsible for conducting studies and performing and evaluating technical risk assessments regarding the potential risk to human health from sites that contain environmental contamination. The program provides consultation to the public, other programs and agencies regarding toxicological issues.

The Office of Environmental Health Hazards and Indoor Air is responsible for enforcing regulations to prevent diseases due to environmental risks and includes the Asbestos and Lead-Based Paint program, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention program and the Radon and Indoor Air program. The office licenses and inspects businesses involved in environmental activities.

The Office of Radiological Health is responsible for registering and inspecting all x-ray generating equipment in the state. Under authority granted to Nebraska by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the office licenses and inspects facilities that possess or use radioactive materials. The office issues permits for transportation of radioactive shipments across the state and maintains radiological emergency response capabilities in the event of a potential or actual release of radiation during a transportation accident or an incident at either of Nebraska's nuclear power plants.

The Office of Drinking Water and Environmental Health is responsible for implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) by inspecting and licensing public water systems; training and certifying public water system operators; reviewing and approving plans and specifications associated with the design and construction of public water systems; developing water sampling schedules for monitoring drinking water in public water systems; monitoring laboratory test results for compliance with applicable drinking water standards; issuing administrative orders and imposing sanctions for violation of the SDWA; transmitting reports and data to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; and providing staff support for the Advisory Council on Public Water Supplies.

The office administers the Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Act by promulgating regulations, assuring availability of training for the regulated community, conducting inspections of wells and providing staff support for the Water Well Standards and Contractors' Licensing Board. The office also inspects domestic water wells under a voluntary program. The office provides training for certified pool operators and is responsible for licensing swimming pools, mobile home parks and recreation camps. The office also inspects day care centers, schools and public institutions for sanitation and food safety, and investigates nuisance complaints.

The Office of Public Health Environmental Laboratory Services is responsible for providing reliable and accurate test results on samples of water, air and human blood. The office maintains certification from the EPA or an EPA-approved certification entity to assure the quality of test results. Drinking water samples are tested to determine if the water meets standards for human consumption. Surface water samples are tested to determine if the samples are within acceptable limits for chemical and biological contamination. Air samples are tested for air quality and blood alcohol samples are tested for law enforcement agencies.

Health Licensure and Health Data

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Vital Records was created in 1905 as a legal depository for the state's vital records. This section officially registers, preserves, indexes and tabulates records of birth, death, marriage and divorce. It also maintains certificates of delayed birth registration and adoptive certificates and serves as a resource for information about biological parents and siblings, subject to statutory guidelines on adoption. It serves as a central registry of adoptees' medical histories and as the biological fathers registry for those wishing to make a paternity claim for newborns. Vital Records also works with law enforcement agencies under the state's Missing Children Act. From these vital records, statistical reports are developed and made available for the public and various health planning and assessment purposes.

Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Response

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The Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Response section provides technical assistance to local public health departments and health care system response partners to assist in the management of cooperative agreements.

The office coordinates efforts and manages grant funds provided to Nebraska to prepare for and respond to the threat of bioterrorism and other public health emergencies.

Investigations

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This area's activities include investigations of:

- licensed, registered or certified health care professionals and professionals in health care-related fields; unlicensed health care practice; prelicensure investigations; and compliance with provisions of the Uniform Credentialing Act, rules and regulations governing professional practice, and the Uniform Controlled Substances Act
- recipient fraud in energy assistance, Medicaid, Assistance to the Aged, Blind and Disabled (AABD), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Social Service Block Grants (Title XX) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Medicaid and SNAP quality assurance
- child support determinations

Epidemiology and Informatics

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Epidemiology and Informatics provides statistical information, data base management, data collection and epidemiological support for DHHS. The unit is responsible for conducting public health surveillance, collecting and maintaining various health data sets and conducting data quality assurance with secured confidentiality. The unit also provides technical support and health data to federal, state and local health departments.

Offices and programs in this unit include: Office of Epidemiology; Office of Health Statistics; Nebraska Public Health Joint Data Center, Injury Surveillance/Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System (CODES) and Geographic Information System (GIS).

The Office of Epidemiology responds to reports of acute diseases with public health significance and is responsible for infectious disease surveillance. The office also conducts bioterrorism outbreak investigations, hospital associated infection surveillance, occupational safety and health surveillance and antimicrobial resistance surveillance.

The Office of Health Statistics is responsible for secure health data collection and distribution. Information within the registry databases is confidential and the release of such information is restricted (Statutory References: 71-602, 71-612 and 81-663 to 81-675). The office also collects survey data on major health risk factors among adults residing in the state, such as smoking, seat belt usage, exercise and nutrition, which is used to track changes in behaviors over time.

Injury Surveillance/Crash Outcome Data Evaluation System (CODES) is responsible for providing epidemiological and data support for injury prevention activities and meeting the needs of federal, state and local public health and highway safety agencies. CODES links and uses motor vehicle crash data and health data to trace injured individuals from the crash scene throughout the health care system and identifies the causes and outcomes resulting from motor vehicle crashes. In addition, CODES coordinates data quality assessment and improvement for EMS and Hospital Discharge Injury Data.

The Geographic Information Systems (GIS) program is responsible for supporting the activities of DHHS and public health partners by providing and maintaining accurate, current and complete public health geospatial data.

The Nebraska Public Health Joint Data Center is responsible for developing, maintaining and updating a centralized and integrated public health data system with the ultimate goal of utilizing the data to improve public health practice and research.

Licensure

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Licensure is responsible for the licensure of individuals, facilities, services and programs that provide health-related services. These responsibilities are carried out through the following programs:

- Professional and Occupational Credentialing
- Health Care Facility Licensure and Certification

- Child Care Program Licensure
- Children's Residential Child Caring Agency and Child Placing Agency Licensure

The unit also administers the Nebraska Credentialing Review Act, the Nebraska Certificate of Need Act and the State Board of Health. The unit works with 26 professional licensing boards and various other committees in administering licensing and regulatory activities for the programs listed above.

*Professions and Occupations Licensed, Certified and/or Registered***Medical and Specialized Health Section****Dentistry:**

- Dentist
- Dental Anesthesia Permit
- Dental Faculty License
- Dental Hygienist
- Local Anesthesia Certification
- Locum Tenens

Medicine & Surgery:

- Acupuncturist
- Genetic Counselor
- Locum Tenens
- Osteopathic Medicine & Surgery
- Perfusionist
- Physician
- Physician Assistant
- Temporary Educational Permit
- Temporary Physician Assistant
- Temporary Visiting Faculty Permit

Optometry:

- Optometrist

Pharmacy:

- Pharmacist
- Pharmacy Intern
- Dispensing Practitioner
- Temporary Educational Permit

Podiatry:

- Podiatrist

Radiography:

- Limited Radiographer
- Medical Radiographer
- Podiatric Limited Radiographer
- Provisional Limited Radiographer
- Temporary Medical Radiographer

Veterinary Medicine & Surgery:

- Veterinarian
- Veterinary Technician

Nursing and Nursing Support Section**Nursing:**

- Advanced Practice Registered Nurse -
 - Certified Nurse Midwife
- Advanced Practice Registered Nurse -
 - Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
- Advanced Practice Registered Nurse -
 - Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Advanced Practice Registered Nurse -
 - Nurse Practitioner
- Licensed Practical Nurse/Registered Nurse
- Licensed Practical Nurse-Certified

Nursing Support:

- Medication Aide
- Nurse Aide
- Paid Dining Assistant

*Professions and Occupations Licensed, Certified and/or Registered (Cont'd.)***Mental Health and Consumer Services Section****Alcohol and Drug Counseling:**

Alcohol and Drug Counselor
Provisional Alcohol and Drug Counselor

Alcohol Breath/Blood Testing Permits**Body Art:**

Body Brander
Body Piercer
Permanent Color Technician
Tattoo Artist

Cosmetology:

Apprentice
Cosmetician
Cosmetologist
Cosmetology Instructor
Guest Artist
Student Cosmetologist
Student Instructor
Temporary Practitioner

Drug and Alcohol Counselors**Electrology:**

Electrologist
Student Electrologist
Electrology Instructor

Esthetician:

Esthetician
Esthetics Instructor
Student Esthetician
Student Instructor

Funeral Directing & Embalming:

Funeral Director/Embalmer
Apprentice Funeral Director/Embalmer

Massage Therapy:

Massage Therapist
Temporary Massage Therapist

Medical Nutrition Therapist:

Medical Nutrition Therapist

Mental Health Practice:

Marriage & Family Therapist
Master Social Work
Mental Health Practitioner
Professional Counselor
Provisionally Certified Master Social Worker
Provisionally Licensed Mental Health
Practitioner

Nail Technology:

Nail Technician
Nail Technology Instructor
Temporary Practitioner

Nursing Home Administration:

Administrator-in-Training/Mentoring
Program
Nursing Home Administrator
Preceptor
Provisional Nursing Home Administrator

Psychology:

30-day Permit
Provisionally Licensed Psychologist
Psychological Assistant/Psychologist
Associate
Psychologist
Temporary Psychologist

Social Work:

Certified Social Worker
Certified Master Social Worker
Provisionally Certified Master Social Worker

*Professions and Occupations Licensed, Certified and/or Registered (Cont'd.)***Rehabilitation and Community Services Section****Asbestos:**

Inspector
 Management Planner
 Project Designer
 Supervisor
 Worker
 Limited Management Planner
 Limited Project Designer

Athletic Training:

Athletic Trainer

Audiology/Speech-Language Pathology:

Audiologist
 Communication Assistant
 Speech-Language Pathologist

Chiropractic:

Chiropractor

Emergency Medical Care Workers:

Advanced Emergency Medical Technician
 Certified Emergency Medical Responder
 Certified Emergency Medical Technician
 Emergency Medical Technician Instructor
 Emergency Medical Technician -
 Intermediate
 Paramedic

Environmental Health Specialist:

Environmental Health Specialist

Hearing Aid Instrument Dispensing and Fitting:

Hearing Instrument Specialist

Lead:

Worker
 Inspector
 Risk Assessor
 Project Designer
 Supervisor
 Visual Lead Hazard Advisor
 Elevated Blood Lead Level Investigator

Occupational Therapy:

Occupational Therapist
 Occupational Therapist Assistant

Physical Therapy:

Physical Therapist
 Physical Therapy Assistant

Radon:

Radon Measurement Specialist
 Radon Mitigation Specialist

Respiratory Care:

Respiratory Care Practitioner

Swimming Pool Operator**Water Operator:**

Grades 1-4
 Grade 5
 Grade 6

Well Drillers:

Natural Resource Ground Water Technician
 Pump Installation Contractor
 Pump Installation Supervisor
 Water Well Monitoring Supervisor
 Water Well Monitoring Technician
 Well Drilling Contractor
 Well Drilling Supervisor
 Well Drilling/Pump Installation Contractor
 Well Drilling/Pump Installation Supervisor
 Well Drilling Contractor/Water Well
 Monitor Supervisor
 Well Drilling Supervisor/Water Well
 Monitor Supervisor

*Professions and Occupations Licensed, Certified and/ or Registered (Cont'd.)***Credentialed Facilities, Services and Programs****Adult Day Services****Assisted Living Facilities****Body Art:**

Body Art Facility

Child Care Facilities:

Family Home I's

Family Home II's

Child Care Centers

Preschools

Community Mental Health Centers**Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility****Cosmetology Establishments:**

Apprentice Training Salons

Cosmetology Salons

Cosmetology Schools

Home Services

Satellite Classrooms

Developmental Disabilities:

Centers for Developmental Disabilities

Developmentally Disabled Waivered Providers

Home and Community-Based Waiver for Developmentally Disabled

Intermediate Care Facilities for the Mentally Retarded**Electrology Facilities:**

Electrology Schools

Emergency Medical Services:

Advanced Life Support Service

Basic Life Support Service

EMT Training Agencies

End Stage Renal Disease Services**Esthetician Establishments:**

Esthetic Salons

School of Esthetics

Federally Qualified Health Centers**Funeral Establishments:**

Funeral Establishment

Branch Establishments

Crematories

Health Clinics:

Abortion Clinics

Ambulatory Surgical Centers

Public Health Clinics

Home Health Agencies**Hospices****Hospitals:**

Critical Access

General Acute

Long-Term Care

Psychiatric

Rehabilitation

Laboratories**Massage Therapy Establishments:**

Massage Therapy Establishments

Massage Therapy Schools

Mental Health Centers:

In-Patient

Nail Technology Establishments:

Nail Technology Salons

Nail Technology Schools

Nursing Homes**Organ Procurement Organizations****Pharmacy Facilities:**

Community Pharmacies

Delegated Dispensing Permit

Mail-Order Ophthalmic Providers

Mail Service Pharmacy Permit

Wholesale Drug Distributor

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities**Rehabilitation Agencies:**

Certified Occupational Rehabilitation Facilities

Occupational Therapy

Out-Patient Physical Therapy

Speech Therapy

Respite Care Services**Rural Health Clinics****Substance Abuse Treatment Centers:**

In-Patient

Out-Patient

Veterinary Medicine:

Veterinary Drug Distributor

X-ray Units - Portable

*Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses***Statutory Reference: 38-205**

Member	Position	Term Expires
George M. Adam, Hastings.....	Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2015
Brenda Kay Bergman-Evans, Omaha.....	Nurse Practitioner.....	Nov. 30, 2014
Diane K. Hansmeyer, Hallam.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2016
Stephen B. Jackson, Omaha.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2015
Michelle S. Knolla, Elkhorn.....	Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2016
Marilyn K. Lowe, Omaha.....	Midwife.....	Nov. 30, 2017
Arthur F. Molner, Lincoln.....	Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2014
Ruth Van Gerpen, Lincoln.....	Clinical Nurse Specialist.....	Nov. 30, 2015
Steven R. Wooden, Albion.....	Anesthetist.....	Nov. 30, 2016

*Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Frank L. Bailey, III, Omaha.....	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	Nov. 30, 2016
Christine L. Chasek, Hildreth.....	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	Nov. 30, 2017
Jason C. Conrad, Lincoln.....	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	Nov. 30, 2015
Chrisella C. Lewis, Alma.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2014
William O. Mulligan, Valentine.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2015
Alfredo Ramirez, Norfolk.....	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	Nov. 30, 2017
Natasha A. Robinson, Boys Town.....	Psychiatrist.....	Nov. 30, 2013
Marlene A. Schneider, Omaha.....	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	Nov. 30, 2018
Barry W. Walker, Omaha.....	Alcohol and Drug Counselor.....	Nov. 30, 2014

*Board of Athletic Training***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Kurt R. Behrhorst, Lincoln.....	Athletic Trainer.....	Nov. 30, 2016
Chad M. Kinart, Omaha.....	Athletic Trainer.....	Nov. 30, 2015
Lisa Moore, Omaha.....	Athletic Trainer.....	Nov. 30, 2014
Timothy R. Wacker, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2016

*Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Ron Busch, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2014
Jill L. Champey, Omaha.....	Speech-Language Pathologist.....	Nov. 30, 2015
Craig A. Foss, Grand Island.....	Audiologist.....	Nov. 30, 2014
Jana M. Green, Minden.....	Speech-Language Pathologist.....	Nov. 30, 2014
Ryan W. McCreery, Omaha.....	Audiologist.....	Nov. 30, 2015

*Board of Chiropractic***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
David W. Lauer, Lincoln.....	Chiropractor.....	Nov. 30, 2016
Laura Ann Scholl, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2014
Doug Vander Broek, Lincoln.....	Chiropractor.....	Nov. 30, 2014
Mark G. Wurth, Omaha.....	Chiropractor.....	Nov. 30, 2015

Board of Cosmetology, Electrology, Esthetics, Nail Technology and Body Art

Statutory Reference: 38-167

Member	Position	Term Expires
Bridget S. Anderson, Lincoln	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2015
Mary Brennan, Omaha.....	Electrologist	Nov. 30, 2014
Nancy Bumann, Lincoln.....	Licensed Instructor.....	Nov. 30, 2014
Vicki R. Criswell, Plattsmouth	Esthetician.....	Nov. 30, 2017
Lyra J. Faltys, Howells.....	Cosmetologist	Nov. 30, 2013
Melanie Judkins, Omaha	Body Art Practitioner	Nov. 30, 2015
Jason P. Lassek, Omaha.....	Cosmetologist	Nov. 30, 2015
Ruth J. Lucas, McCook.....	School Owner	Nov. 30, 2016
David M. Newsom, Omaha	Cosmetologist	Nov. 30, 2017
Marie Frances Nordboe, Ames.....	Cosmetologist/Salon Owner.....	Nov. 30, 2015
Becky Pettigrew, Valentine.....	Nail Technician.....	Nov. 30, 2014
Lisa L. Pfeil, St. Paul.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2017

Board of Dentistry

Statutory Reference: 38-167

Member	Position	Term Expires
Dennis M. Anderson, Omaha.....	Dentist.....	Nov. 30, 2016
Charles D. Bauer, Hastings	Dentist.....	Nov. 30, 2014
David Blaha, Lincoln.....	Dentist.....	Nov. 30, 2014
Cynthia Gaskill, Aurora.....	Dental Hygienist.....	Nov. 30, 2014
Robert Mark Hinrichs, Lincoln.....	Dentist.....	Nov. 30, 2015
Judith Kissell, Omaha.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2014
Jane I. Lott, York.....	Dental Hygienist.....	Nov. 30, 2014
Joan E. Sivers, Lincoln	Dental School Faculty.....	Nov. 30, 2015
Mary C. Sneckenberg, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2014
Terrence M. Wilwerding, Omaha	Dental School Faculty.....	Nov. 30, 2016

Board of Emergency Medical Services

Statutory Reference: 38-1215

Member	Position	Term Expires
Gary (Randy) Boldt, Omaha	First Responder	Dec. 1, 2017
John Bonta, Lincoln.....	Board-Certified Emergency Physician	Dec. 1, 2017
Karen Bowlin, Ogallala	Approved Training Agency Representative.....	Dec. 1, 2017
Joel E. Cerny, Schuyler	First Responder	Dec. 1, 2016
Thomas J. Deegan, Omaha.....	Physician.....	Dec. 1, 2016
Ann F. Fiala, Ainsworth	Emergency Medical Technician.....	Dec. 1, 2017
Donald Harmon, Beatrice	Physician Assistant.....	Dec. 1, 2018
Judith Henning, Crete.....	Consumer.....	Dec. 1, 2018
Troy Hiemer, Columbus	Emergency Medical Technician.....	Dec. 1, 2018
Timothy Hoffman, Kearney.....	EMT-Paramedic	Dec. 1, 2018
Linda Lee Jensen, Omaha.....	Registered Nurse.....	Dec. 1, 2016
Charles A. LaFollette, Lincoln	Member At Large.....	Dec. 1, 2018
Michael Miller, Omaha	Member At Large.....	Dec. 1, 2017
Carl L. Rennerfeldt, Blair.....	Emergency Medical Technician.....	Dec. 1, 2016
James E. Smith, North Platte.....	Board-Certified Emergency Physician	Dec. 1, 2016
Scott C. Wiebe, Lincoln	Emergency Medical Technician.....	Dec. 1, 2016

*Board of Funeral Directing and Embalming***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Randal Ray Bangert, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2015
Steven C. Brunken, Lincoln.....	Funeral Director/Embalmer.....	Nov. 30, 2016
Terrence G. Kucera, Omaha.....	Funeral Director/Embalmer.....	Nov. 30, 2014
John R. Rice, Genoa.....	Funeral Director/Embalmer.....	Nov. 30, 2015

*Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists***Statutory Reference: 38-1508**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Marc A. Brennan, Omaha.....	Audiologist.....	Nov. 30, 2018
Misti Lutt-Chimel, Grand Island.....	Hearing Instrument Specialist.....	Nov. 30, 2018
Sandra K. Miller, Lincoln.....	Hearing Instrument Specialist.....	Nov. 30, 2016
Michael (Mick) P. Pierce, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2015
Britt A. Thedinger, Omaha.....	Otolaryngologist.....	Nov. 30, 2016
Sam L. White, North Platte.....	Hearing Instrument Specialist.....	Nov. 30, 2014

*Board of Massage Therapy***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Brian T. Allison, Omaha.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2018
Keli A. Hupka, Lincoln.....	Massage Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2016
Kimberly Adams Johnson, Lincoln.....	Massage Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2018
Adele K. Schmidt, Columbus.....	Massage Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2016

*Board of Medical Nutrition Therapy***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Christina Fernandez, Omaha.....	Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2018
Jean Guest, Lincoln.....	Medical Nutrition Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2015
Toni J. Kuehneman, Papillion.....	Medical Nutrition Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2014
William P. Moore, Nebraska City.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2015
Paula Ritter-Gooder, Seward.....	Medical Nutrition Therapist.....	Nov. 30, 2014

*Board of Medical Radiography***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Brandon D. Holt, Lincoln.....	Radiographer.....	Nov. 30, 2015
Denise E. Logan, Lincoln.....	Radiographer.....	Nov. 30, 2017
Michael Shane McFeely, Scottsbluff.....	Radiographer.....	Nov. 30, 2016
Francine Oran, Lincoln.....	Limited Radiographer.....	Nov. 30, 2018
James B. Temme, Omaha.....	Radiographer.....	Nov. 30, 2014

*Board of Medicine and Surgery***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Michael J. Bittles, West Point.....	Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2014
Mark O. Goodman, Omaha.....	Medical School Faculty.....	Nov. 30, 2016
Merle J. Henkenius, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2014
Karen M. Higgins, Grand Island.....	Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2017
Jeffrey L. Howorth, Omaha.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2014

Vonn E. Roberts, Lincoln	Physician	Nov. 30, 2015
Judith A. Scott, Omaha	Osteopathic Physician	Nov. 30, 2018
Carl V. Smith, Omaha	Medical School Faculty	Nov. 30, 2018

Board of Mental Health Practice

Statutory Reference: 38-167

Member	Position	Term Expires
Dale G. Battleson, Omaha	Certified Marriage and Family Therapist	Nov. 30, 2014
Susan Feyen, Omaha	Certified Master Social Worker	Nov. 30, 2016
William D. Gaughan, Omaha	Public Member	Nov. 30, 2018
Michael F. Kinney, Omaha	Public Member	Nov. 30, 2014
Thomas Z. Maxson, Kearney	Licensed Mental Health Practitioner	Nov. 30, 2015
Susan D. Meyerle, Lincoln	Licensed Mental Health Practitioner	Nov. 30, 2015
Allison M.J. Reisbig, Lincoln	Certified Marriage and Family Therapist	Nov. 30, 2018
Sarita (Sarah) L. Ruma, Omaha	Certified Professional Counselor	Nov. 30, 2016
Shari L. Schnuelle, Grand Island	Certified Professional Counselor	Nov. 30, 2018

Nebraska Center for Nursing Board

Statutory Reference: 71-1799

Member	Position	Term Expires
Kathryn Bowman, Central City	Hospital Industry	June 21, 2017
Liane M. Connelly, Norfolk	Board of Regents Designee	June 21, 2015
Carman R. DeMare, Omaha	State Board of Health Designee	June 21, 2015
Kayleen Dudley, Lincoln	Governor Designee	June 21, 2017
Cheryl K. Echtenkamp, Kearney	Governor Designee	June 21, 2017
Nick Faustman, Lincoln	Governor Designee	June 21, 2016
Cindy J. Hadenfeldt, Hastings	State Board of Health Designee	June 21, 2015
Diane L. Hoffmann, North Platte	Nurse Educator	June 21, 2014
Alice Kindschuh, Omaha	State Board of Health Designee	June 21, 2015
Anna J. May, Omaha	Governor Designee	June 21, 2016
Aubray D. Orduna, Omaha	Nurse Educator	June 21, 2016
Linda R. Stones, Lincoln	Governor Designee	June 21, 2016
Lisa A. Walters, Norfolk	Governor Designee	June 21, 2017
Mary J. Wendl, Omaha	Registered Nurse	June 21, 2014

Board of Nursing

Statutory Reference: 38-2213

Member	Position	Term Expires
Janet Andrew, Auburn	Practical Nurse	Nov. 30, 2015
Jane E. Carmody, Omaha	Nursing Service Administrator	Nov. 30, 2016
Maxine M. Guy, Omaha	Practical Nurse	Nov. 30, 2018
Kelley A. Hasenauer, North Platte	Registered Nurse Advanced Practice	Nov. 30, 2016
Crystal R. Higgins, Beatrice	Practical Nurse Educator	Nov. 30, 2014
Wendy J. Kallhoff, Columbus	Staff Nurse	Nov. 30, 2015
Anthony A. LaRiche, Jr., Lincoln	Public Member	Nov. 30, 2018
Linda L. Lazure, Omaha	Baccalaureate Nurse Educator	Nov. 30, 2015

Karen Weidner, Norfolk	Associate Degree or Diploma	
	Nurse Educator	Nov. 30, 2014
Kathryn D. Yost, Gering	Staff Nurse	Nov. 30, 2014

*Board of Nursing Home Administration***Statutory Reference: 38-2406**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Scott A. Bahe, Gothenburg	Proprietary Home	Nov. 30, 2014
Amy M. Fish, Lincoln	Proprietary Home	Nov. 30, 2015
Renea B. Gernant, Seward	College Faculty	Nov. 30, 2014
Kathryn M. Hajj, Lincoln	Physician	Nov. 30, 2018
Karen E. Jones, Lincoln	Public Member	Nov. 30, 2015
Kevin L. Moriarty, Holdrege	Nonprofit Home	Nov. 30, 2014
C. Dean Schmid, Albion	Public Member	Nov. 30, 2018
Debra L. Sutton, Endicott	Nurse	Nov. 30, 2018
Alex Willford, Grand Island	Nonprofit Home	Jan. 1, 2015

*Board of Occupational Therapy Practice***Statutory Reference: 38-2515**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Lisa M. Anderson, Lincoln	Occupational Therapist	Nov. 30, 2017
R. McLaran Sawyer, Lincoln	Public Member	Nov. 30, 2015
Linda M. Storz, Lincoln	Occupational Therapist	Nov. 30, 2018
Mary M. Walsh-Sterup, Grand Island	Occupational Therapist	Nov. 30, 2016

*Board of Optometry***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Kim Ashbrook Baxter, North Platte	Optometrist	Nov. 30, 2016
Michael J. O'Hara, Omaha	Public Member	Nov. 30, 2014
Jeffrey W. Pape, Norfolk	Optometrist	Nov. 30, 2015
Robert S. Vandervort, Omaha	Optometrist	Nov. 30, 2014

*Board of Pharmacy***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Patty Gollner, Hastings	Pharmacist	Nov. 30, 2014
Jennifer M. King, Omaha	Pharmacist	Nov. 30, 2018
Michael Losee, Lincoln	Public Member	Nov. 30, 2016
Robert Paul Marshall, Norfolk	Pharmacist	Nov. 30, 2016
Kenneth L. Saunders, Omaha	Pharmacist	Nov. 30, 2015

*Board of Physical Therapy***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Scott D. Edwards, Scottsbluff	Physical Therapist	Nov. 30, 2015
Natalie S. Harms, Papillion	Physical Therapist	Nov. 30, 2016
Rachel Reiman, Omaha	Physical Therapist	Nov. 30, 2014
Thomas C. Victor, Omaha	Public Member	Nov. 30, 2014

*Board of Podiatry***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Beverly A. Bornschlegl, York	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2014
Scott C. Nelson, Omaha	Podiatrist.....	Nov. 30, 2016
Richard J. Raska, North Platte.....	Podiatrist.....	Nov. 30, 2014
Torrey B. Rassfeld, Lincoln	Podiatrist.....	Nov. 30, 2015

*Board of Psychology***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
David S. Carver, Omaha	Psychologist.....	Nov. 30, 2016
John Joseph Curran, Norfolk.....	Psychologist.....	Nov. 30, 2015
Todd Mulliner, Lincoln	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2014
Christy A. Rentmeester, Omaha	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2014
Jerry A. Van Winkle, Kearney	Psychologist.....	Nov. 30, 2018
Lori L. Wall, Lincoln.....	Psychologist.....	Nov. 30, 2014
Mark E. Weilage, Lincoln.....	Psychologist.....	Nov. 30, 2017

*Board of Registered Environmental Health Specialists***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Raymond Chollet, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2014
Michael S. Gould, North Platte.....	Environmental Health Specialist.....	Nov. 30, 2014
George H. Hanssen, Lincoln	Environmental Health Specialist.....	Nov. 30, 2018
Scott E. Holmes, Lincoln.....	Environmental Health Specialist.....	Nov. 30, 2018
Joyce L. Jensen, Lincoln.....	Environmental Health Specialist.....	Nov. 30, 2018

*Board of Respiratory Care Practice***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Frank M. Freihaut, Omaha	Respiratory Care Practitioner	Nov. 30, 2015
Teresa M. Hawk, Chadron.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2016
John Andrew Jarosz, Omaha.....	Respiratory Care Practitioner	Nov. 30, 2016
William "Bill" Johnson, Lincoln.....	Physician	Nov. 30, 2014

*Board of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Paul Foy, Ogallala	Veterinarian	Nov. 30, 2016
Micah R. Kohles, Palmyra.....	Veterinarian	Nov. 30, 2015
Nanci Ann Kyhn, Lincoln	Veterinary Technician	Nov. 30, 2016
Gail L. Miller, York	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2014
James Unwin, Oakland.....	Veterinarian	Nov. 30, 2014

*Nursing Home Advisory Council***Statutory Reference: 38-167**

Member	Position	Term Expires
Vicki L. Adolf, Papillion.....	Registered Nurse	Aug. 1, 2013
Kelli L. Coover, Omaha	Pharmacist.....	Aug. 1, 2012
Kay A. Einspahr, Arcadia	Nursing Home Administrator	Aug. 1, 2014
Edward Finan, Omaha	Public Member.....	Aug. 1, 2011

Pamela Griffin, North Bend.....	Nursing Home Administrator.....	Aug. 1, 2011
Marilyn Larson, Waverly.....	Public Member.....	Aug. 1, 2012
Thomas Magnuson, Omaha.....	Physician and Surgeon.....	Aug. 1, 2013
Patricia A. Moeller, Pierce.....	State or Local Government.....	Aug. 1, 2013
Raymond L. Norris, Osceola.....	Public Member.....	Aug. 1, 2010
Jama L. Obermiller, Grand Island.....	Dentist.....	Aug. 1, 2010
Karen R. Page, Adams.....	Public Member.....	Aug. 1, 2013
Tom Ryan, Lincoln.....	Health and Human Services.....	Jan. 1, 2015
Robert Semerena, Lincoln.....	Health and Human Services.....	Jan. 1, 2015
Blaine Shaffer, Lincoln.....	Health and Human Services.....	Jan. 1, 2015
John Turner, Papillion.....	Nursing Home Administrator.....	Aug. 1, 2011
Kari Wockenfuss, Weeping Water.....	Nursing Home Administrator.....	Aug. 1, 2012

Physician Assistant Committee

Statutory Reference: 38-167

Member	Position	Term Expires
Tom Bassett, Lincoln.....	Public Member.....	Nov. 30, 2014
Michael J. Bittles, West Point.....	Medical Board Member.....	Nov. 30, 2016
John W. Davies, Pilger.....	Physician Assistant.....	Nov. 30, 2016
David Hoelting, Pender.....	Supervising Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2014
Paul Shellabarger, Cambridge.....	Physician Assistant.....	Nov. 30, 2014

Perfusionist Committee

Statutory Reference: 38-2712

Member	Position	Term Expires
John T. Batter, Omaha.....	Physician.....	Nov. 30, 2016
Benjamin L. Greenfield, Hickman.....	Perfusionist.....	Nov. 30, 2017
Jeanne A. Schinstock, Omaha.....	Perfusionist.....	Nov. 30, 2015

State Board of Health

Statutory Reference: 71-2601

The State Board of Health, created by the Legislature in 1891, appoints members to 24 healthcare professional licensing boards and actively recruits applicants. The board reviews initial credentialing and scope of practice changes of health professionals prior to final consideration by the Legislature, which is known as the 407 Process Credentialing Review. They also review rules and regulations.

The State Board of Health views public health as a major initiative and has a recognition program for community preventive health efforts. The board continues to research other issues including alcohol and tobacco use and cessation, indoor air quality, youth violence, obesity, school bus seatbelt use and mental health services.

The board prepares an annual report to the governor, which is also available to senators on the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee, DHHS, the 24 healthcare professional boards, major healthcare professional associations and other interested parties. The board has representatives assigned to the Nebraska Center for Nursing Board, the implementation committee for the Nebraska Credentialing Reform 2000 and Credentialing Review Technical Review Committees.

The board's four standing committees are: Rules and Regulations, Credentialing Review, Professional Boards and Public Health, Education and Legislation. The board holds one of its regular public meetings in a location other than Lincoln and conducts

separate meetings to interview professional board applicants and address legislative issues.

The board’s 17 members are appointed by the governor, with approval from the Legislature, to five-year terms. Members include two medical doctors, two nurses, a hospital administrator, a dentist, a veterinarian, a professional engineer, a pharmacist, an optometrist, a podiatrist, an osteopath or osteopathic surgeon, a chiropractor, a physical therapist, a mental health professional and two people representing the public. The governor serves as an ex officio member, with voting power only in case of tie. The board elects officers annually.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Kevin Borchert, Omaha	Pharmacist	Aug 1, 2019
Janet Coleman, Lincoln	Public Member	Aug 1, 2015
Shane Fleming, Columbus.....	Nurse	Aug 1, 2019
Russell Hopp, Omaha.....	Medical Doctor	Aug 1, 2019
Diane Jackson, Franklin	Nurse	Aug 1, 2015
Teresa Konda, Omaha.....	Professional Engineer	Aug 1, 2018
Dale Michels, Lincoln.....	Medical Doctor	Aug 1, 2015
Anthony Moravec, Wahoo.....	Veterinarian	Aug 1, 2018
Debra Parsow, Omaha.....	Public Member.....	Aug 1, 2015
Roger Reamer, Seward.....	Hospital Administrator	Aug 1, 2015
Paul Salansky, Nebraska City.....	Optometrist	Aug 1, 2018
Heidi J. Stark, Lincoln.....	Dentist	Aug 1, 2019
Wayne Stuberger, Omaha.....	Physical Therapist.....	Aug 1, 2015
Travis James Teetor, Omaha	Physician.....	Aug 1, 2019
Joshua Vest, Lincoln.....	Podiatrist	Aug 1, 2018
Jeromy Warner, Hastings.....	Clinical Psychologist.....	Aug 1, 2018
Daryl Wills, Gering.....	Chiropractor.....	Aug 1, 2015
Pete Ricketts, Lincoln/Omaha	Governor.....	Ex Officio

Division of Veterans’ Homes

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The Division of Veterans’ Homes administers the State’s four Veterans’ Homes in Bellevue, Grand Island, Norfolk, and Scottsbluff.

Grand Island Veterans’ Home: Alex Willford, Administrator, 2300 W. Capital Ave., Grand Island, NE 68803-2097, phone (308) 385-6252, email address — alex.willford@nebraska.gov

Norfolk Veterans’ Home: Jerry Eisenhower, Administrator, 600 E. Benjamin Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701-0830, phone (402) 370-3330, email address — jerry.eisenhower@nebraska.gov

Eastern Nebraska Veterans’ Home: Jeff Smith, Administrator, 12505 S. 40th Street, Bellevue, NE 68123, phone (402) 595-2180, email address — jeffrey.a.smith@nebraska.gov

Western Nebraska Veterans’ Home: Lonnie Starke, Administrator, 1102 W. 42nd St., Scottsbluff, NE 69361-4939, phone (308) 632-0300, email address — lonnie.starke@nebraska.gov

Statutory References: 80-314, 80-315 and 83-107.01

DHHS operates four veterans' homes. To live in one of these facilities, veterans must have served in active duty during the war, lived in Nebraska at least two years and be disabled. Disability qualifications include injury during service, old age, inability to earn a livelihood, whole or partial dependence on public assistance or requiring care available only at a state facility. Spouses of veterans and Gold Star Mothers and Fathers are eligible under similar requirements.

The focus of the veterans' homes is on wellness, allowing people to live their lives to the fullest through different levels of care: domiciliary, intermediate and skilled. The homes provide specialized services such as physical therapy and a wide range of recreational and religious services. The homes have a supportive relationship with various veterans' organizations whose members donate time, money and companionship to the people living there.

Department of Insurance

Office Address: 941 O St., Suite 400, Lincoln, NE 68508-3625, phone (402) 471-2201, TDD (800) 833-7352, website —www.doi.ne.gov

Director: Bruce Ramge

Statutory Reference: 81-101

Publications: *Summary of Insurance Business in Nebraska*

The Department of Insurance is the primary financial solvency regulator for all Nebraska domestic insurers and the market regulator for insurance transactions in Nebraska.

The department enforces statutes and regulations to ensure compliance by individuals and entities subject to the department's jurisdiction; analyzes and drafts appropriate legislation, regulations, bulletins and administrative orders; researches and interprets statutes, case law, regulations and other legal precedents and renders advice to other divisions; represents the department at administrative hearings, legislative hearings and other meetings; and acts as liaison to the attorney general's office regarding pending litigation.

As market regulator of all insurance transactions that take place in Nebraska, the department annually reviews an average of 2,200 various life and health filings. In addition, the department administers licenses for approximately 77,800 producers. The department regulates the performance of insurance transactions by investigating the activities of insurers, such as claims handling, compliance monitoring and insurance producer oversight.

Another major responsibility of the department includes the collection of premium tax and associated retaliatory taxes, fire marshal tax and various renewal fees, and the audit and collection of premium and fire marshal tax for surplus and excess lines. Annually, the department collects approximately \$78.2 million for distribution to the State of Nebraska.

The department investigates referred cases of suspected insurance fraud and educates insurance company and law enforcement personnel on fraud indicators. The department also conducts significant outreach through the Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP), a federally funded program that informs and advises older Nebraskans regarding Medicare, Medicaid and health insurance. Nebraska's program has consistently ranked in the top five of all SHIIP programs nationwide.

The 1976 Legislature adopted the Nebraska Hospital Medical-Liability Act (Statutory Reference: 44-2829) as an alternative way to address medical professional liability claims. The law ensures the availability of professional liability insurance for health care providers to encourage the availability of health care to Nebraskans. The department collects premiums and qualifies health care providers that seek Excess Liability Fund or Residual Malpractice Insurance Authority coverage. Once health care providers are qualified under the act, the department resolves medical professional liability claims made under the act.

The first complete insurance code in Nebraska, enacted in 1913, provided for an insurance board to administer the code. Before 1913, the territorial auditor and later the state auditor issued certificates to insurance companies and exercised some powers in investigating and inspecting those companies.

The duties of the Insurance Board were given to the Bureau of Insurance in the Department of Trade and Commerce in 1919. In 1933, the bureau became the Department of Insurance. In 1947, the Legislature passed laws that updated the 1913 code.

Department of Labor

Office Address: 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-9000, fax (402) 471-2318, website — www.dol.nebraska.gov

Commissioner: John H. Albin

Statutory Reference: 81-101

Publications: *Annual Report*

The Nebraska Department of Labor (NDOL) strengthens Nebraska's economy by supporting the economic stability of its employers and the quality of its workforce. The NDOL prepares Nebraskans to prosper through responsive workforce services that connect high-growth, high-demand industries to educated and skilled workers through a service delivery network of public and private partners.

The NDOL is organized into eight divisions: the Commissioner of Labor, General Counsel, Administrative Services, Financial Services, Employment and Training, Unemployment Insurance, Labor Market Information and Safety. The department delivers services through one administrative office in Lincoln as well as American Job Centers and NDOL office locations in Alliance, Beatrice, Columbus, Fremont, Grand Island, Hastings, Lexington, Lincoln, Nebraska City, Norfolk, North Platte, Omaha (two locations), Scottsbluff and York.

The commissioner of labor and the NDOL work to:

- cultivate quality workers in quality workplaces through dynamic and collaborative partnerships with employment services, training, education, temporary income continuation, safety-related programs and labor market information
 - spur Nebraska's involvement in workforce, education and economic and community development activities
 - promote and encourage high-growth and high-wage employment opportunities
 - implement all programs and services with integrity, efficiency and consistency
- The NDOL provides the framework for a workforce system that:

- meets the needs of businesses by creating a comprehensive, community-based system of building a highly skilled workforce and a competitive state economy
- coordinates workforce development efforts to maximize the effectiveness of programs through workforce investment boards, advisory councils and partnerships with education, private-sector business and local governmental agencies
- matches eligible workers with jobs and provides support services to assist citizens in finding and retaining gainful employment
- administers unemployment tax and compensation programs
- provides universal access to an integrated array of labor market information and employment and training services
- assists employers, employees and the general public through labor standards programs
- conducts inspections as required by law through various safety programs
- provides administrative support to all programs delivered by the department across the state

Office of Commissioner

Commissioner of Labor: John H. Albin, 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-9000, email address — john.albin@nebraska.gov

The commissioner of labor is the chief executive officer for the Nebraska Department of Labor, appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Legislature. The office is responsible for oversight of all department activities. In addition to the duties prescribed by statute, the commissioner serves on boards, commissions and task force entities as determined by the governor.

The 1887 Legislature created the Bureau of Labor, Census and Industrial Statistics. The governor was named commissioner of labor with office duties performed by a deputy commissioner and other employees. The 1917 Legislature created the office of deputy compensation commissioner, and in 1919 the office's duties were assigned to the secretary of labor. In 1933, the title of the chief deputy was changed to commissioner.

Office of General Counsel

Director: John H. Albin, 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-9912, fax (402) 471-9917, email address — john.albin@nebraska.gov

The Office of General Counsel provides legal and legislative services to the commissioner, department divisions and agency boards, including:

- legal services for all programs of the NDOL
- hearings on unemployment benefits and tax appeals
- the Benefit Accuracy Measurement (BAM) program, which reviews the payment and denial of unemployment benefits
- programs relating to labor law, contractor registration and employee classification
- the Workforce Investment Act monitoring program

Office of Administrative Services

Director: Terri Slone, 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-8358, fax (402) 471-2318, email address — terri.slone@nebraska.gov

Public Information Officer: Grace Johnson, phone (402) 471-4189, fax (402) 471-2318, email address — grace.johnson@nebraska.gov

The Office of Administrative Services coordinates and administers the following divisions: Public Information, Information Technology, Human Resources, Procurement and Facilities and Buildings. Administrative Services:

- responds to public inquiries and provides information to the media and public
- delivers services to the public through the use of technology: plans, builds and maintains information systems in a secure environment for agency computing and communications; provides development, planning, project management, reporting, end user and network support; manages IT assets, contracts, licensing and purchasing of IT goods and services; aligns fiscal resources with agency technology requirements
- provides support to approximately 350 employees; oversees and manages employee recruitment, retention, classification and compensation, benefits, training, leadership development, performance management, affirmative action, employee equal opportunity, labor relations, equity and diversity, payroll processing, workers' compensation, human resource planning and other employee services
- coordinates the procurement of agency equipment, supplies, goods and services; manages surplus property, records management, property insurance and transportation services; maintains facility plans, building inventory, use records, space plans, construction requests and documentation; coordinates facility lease and custodial agreements
- manages day-to-day facility operations, maintenance, distribution of mail, forms and supplies; provides property management, security and emergency planning; provides administrative services, facilities planning and construction oversight

Office of Financial Services

Controller/Director: Debbie Kay Ward, CPA, CTP, 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-2492, fax (402) 471-8041, email address — debbiekay.ward@nebraska.gov

The Office of Financial Services provides services to programs administering numerous federal grants, in addition to cash funded programs and general fund appropriations. The agency's unique cost accounting structure is utilized in conjunction with Enterprise Data for Government Efficiency. A post-issuance funding technique is used for compliance with the Cash Management Act.

The agency's treasury division functions as the cash management system for the department. It is responsible for all revenues collected and all disbursements and expenditures. The management and balances of the respective trusts and bank accounts are under treasury's direction. The treasury ensures that these balances are as cash efficient as possible and also functions as the depositor of taxes collected and disburser of benefits paid under Unemployment Insurance. This disbursement is done under the authority of Nebraska Employment Security Law. The commissioner of labor is charged with maintaining the solvency of Nebraska's account in the Unemployment Trust Fund

held by the United States Treasury in Washington, D.C.

The Office of Financial Services:

- supports, operates and maintains agency financial management systems
- oversees budget preparation, financial reporting, coordination of long-term agency financial needs and preparation and oversight of the Agency Cost Allocation Plan
- administers accounts payable, contracts and grant management
- prepares fiscal impact statements, coordinates and resolves audit procedures and issues
- completes Unemployment Insurance accounting and preparation of the Schedule of Federal Expenditures
- monitors for compliance with federal grant and state statute regulations and rules as well as compliance with generally accepted accounting principles

Office of Employment and Training

Director: Joan Modrell, 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-9948, email address — joan.modrell@nebraska.gov

The Office of Employment and Training provides direct services to employers and job seekers statewide through American Job Centers and NDOL locations throughout the state. The office also has grant management and reporting responsibilities for a variety of federal employment and training grants, including:

- Wagner-Peyser Employment and Re-employment services
- Workforce Investment Act statewide administrative activities
- Rapid Response programs and WARN notices
- Trade Adjustment Act programs
- Worker Opportunity Tax Credit and Foreign Labor Certification
- Nebraska Worker Training Program
- State Energy Sector Partnership Grant
- Job-Driven National Emergency Grant
- Greater Nebraska Workforce Investment Act program delivery
- Jobs for Veterans Act programs
- other discretionary grants awarded through the Employment and Training Administration

Nebraska Workforce Investment Board

The Nebraska Workforce Investment Board consists of business, labor, community-based organizations, education, higher education, human services, economic development, government and other critical groups from across the state who structure services that will meet the needs of business and workers. The board is appointed by the governor and is a requirement of the Workforce Investment Act. The board has three scheduled meetings per year and committee work is conducted throughout the year.

Member

Joseph Acierno, Lincoln..... Department of Health and Human Services
 John Albin, Lincoln Department of Labor
 Roma Amundson, Walton County Elected Official

Represents

Cheryl Anderson, Omaha.....	Business
Dennis Baack, Lincoln.....	Community College
Tammie Beck, Kearney.....	Business
Bradley B. Bird, Blair.....	Labor
Matt Blomstedt, Central City.....	Department of Education
Vanessa Brown, Omaha.....	Business
Brian Deakin, Holdrege.....	Business
Mindy Fisher, North Platte.....	Migrant Seasonal Farm Workers
Matthew Fleischer, Columbus.....	Business
Michael Geary, Omaha.....	Business
Sen. Galen Hadley, Kearney.....	Legislature
Mindy Hansen, North Platte.....	Labor
Jim Hanson, Omaha.....	Business
Brenda Hicks-Sorensen, Lincoln.....	Department of Economic Development
Ron Johns, Gering.....	Youth
M. L. Martin, North Platte.....	Business
John McNally, Lincoln.....	Veterans
Mark Moravec, Grand Island.....	Business
Don Nordell, Lincoln.....	Business
Michelle Olson, Omaha.....	Youth
Mark Ondracek, Blair.....	Labor
Vern Powers, Hastings.....	City Elected Official
Pete Ricketts, Lincoln/Omaha.....	Governor
Terri Ridder, West Point.....	Business
J. Ann Rouch, North Platte.....	Title V Older Worker Program
Bradley Schroeder, Omaha.....	Business
Jennifer Sedlacek, Omaha.....	Business
Becky Stitt, Scottsbluff.....	Business
Carol Swigart, Lincoln.....	Business
Clyde Tyndall, Lincoln.....	Native American Program
Vacant.....	Business
Vacant.....	Business
Vacant.....	Legislature

Nebraska Worker Training Board

Contact Person: Steve Porr, Coordinator, Nebraska Worker Training Program, 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-9977, fax (402) 471-2022, email address — steve.porr@nebraska.gov

Statutory Reference: 48-622.03

The Worker Training Board prepares an annual program plan and develops guidelines for the operation of all training programs financed by the Nebraska Training and Support Trust Fund. The board reports to the governor annually on the activities and performance of the programs financed by the trust fund and serves as an advisory body on all program oversight issues.

The board has six governor-appointed members: three members of the State Advisory Council (a representative of employers, a representative of employees and a representative of the public); the commissioner of labor/director of economic development; the commissioner of education; and a representative of the Nebraska Community College Association. The governor determines terms of office for board members. The governor also designates a chairperson, selected from one of the three council members.

The board meets quarterly. Other meetings are called by the chairperson or at

the request of other board members. Members are paid a daily rate when conducting board business. Program disbursements require the approval of the governor, upon recommendation of the commissioner of labor. The commissioner employs staff to perform duties as the board requires.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
John Albin, Lincoln	Department of Labor	Jan. 1, 2015
Dennis G. Baack, Lincoln.....	Nebraska Community College Association	Jan. 1, 2015
Matt Blomstedt, Central City	Department of Education.....	Jan. 1, 2015
John Bourne, Omaha.....	Employees.....	Jan. 1, 2015
Greg Eden, Lincoln	Employers	Jan. 1, 2015
Brenda Hicks-Sorensen, Lincoln	Department of Economic Development	Jan. 1, 2015
J. Denise Seaman, Bellevue.....	Public	Jan. 1, 2015

Office of Unemployment Insurance - Benefits Division

Administrator: Evan Littrell, 500 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-2547, fax (402) 471-9868, email address — evan.littrell@nebraska.gov

The Office of Unemployment Insurance - Benefits Division is responsible for administering Unemployment Insurance Benefits Operations per Nebraska Employment Security Law. Responsibilities include processing and payment of benefits to unemployed workers. Located within the benefits operation are several integrity-related programs, including the Benefit Payment Control Unit, which detects and collects both non-fraud and fraudulent overpayments. The unit establishes overpayment and collects by offsetting payable benefits, negotiating repayment agreements, court restitution or state and federal income tax intercepts.

The Internal Security Unit is responsible for monitoring and maintaining unemployment insurance system security. The Tax Performance System monitors the unemployment insurance tax system through systematic tax program reviews, done on a quarterly basis.

Unemployment Insurance programs include:

- intrastate benefit programs involving claims filed in Nebraska where all wages are earned in Nebraska
- interstate benefit programs involving claims filed in one agency state based on wages earned in another liable state
- combined wage benefit programs involving claims filed in Nebraska where wages are earned in more than one state
- federally financed Unemployment Insurance programs, including unemployment compensation for ex-service members and unemployment compensation for federal employees
 - Trade Adjustment Assistance and disaster unemployment assistance programs
 - Emergency Unemployment Compensation programs
 - Additional Training benefits program

Office of Unemployment Insurance - Tax Division

Administrator: Chris Nider, 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-4525, fax (402) 471-9994, email address — chris.nider@nebraska.gov

The Office of Unemployment Insurance - Tax Division is responsible for administering the tax and wage systems as described in Nebraska Employment Security Law. The office's duties include:

- determining new employer liability and processing transfers of unemployment insurance accounts
- collecting and processing employer tax and wage reports and delinquent payments of combined tax
- auditing employers to ensure compliance
- investigating allegations of system abuse and enforcing compliance
- resolving employment issues that prevent benefit claim processing

Office of Labor Market Information

Administrator: Phil Baker, 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509-4600, phone (402) 471-2600, fax (402) 471-9867, email address — phil.baker@nebraska.gov

The Office of Labor Market Information provides a variety of information products and manages various federal grants.

The office also delivers labor market information, which is the applied science of collecting, analyzing, reporting and publishing economic activities to describe and predict the relationship between labor demand and supply. This data is used to describe a local area's economic picture, which impacts social, fiscal, technological and economic policies, employer hiring and other business decisions, allocation of funds by policy makers, individual career choices, educational programs and the amount of government assistance individuals receive.

The office conducts surveys and uses administrative data gathered through the process of required federal reports and management information used by the agency. Information is collected and disseminated about employment levels and trends, wages and earnings, estimates of labor availability, industrial and occupational projections, business staffing patterns, career planning information, benefits and labor force demographics. Funding for the Office of Labor Market Information comes from federal grants, primarily from the Employment and Training Administration and the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor.

The Employment and Training Administration's Workforce Information Grant requires the Office of Labor Market Information annually to:

- populate the Workforce Information Database with state and local data
- produce and disseminate short-term and long-term industry and occupational projections
- conduct and publish relevant economic analysis, special workforce information and/or studies of economic benefit to the governor and state and local Workforce Information

- post LMI products, information and reports on the department's website: www.dol.nebraska.gov

- partner and consult on a continuing basis with workforce investment boards and other key workforce and economic development partners and stakeholders

The Bureau of Labor Statistics requires annual data including:

- current employment statistics - monthly industry employment estimates for the state and Omaha, Lincoln and Grand Island Metropolitan Statistical Areas

- local area unemployment statistics - monthly unemployment rates for Nebraska, considered a leading economic indicator

- occupational employment and wage statistics - data from a twice-yearly survey of Nebraska employers that gathers occupation and wage information

- Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages - data compiled from unemployment insurance tax reports filed with the state, which accounts for approximately 98 percent of Nebraska's employment

Office of Safety

Acting Director: Christopher Cantrell, 550 S. 16th St., P.O. Box 94600, Lincoln, NE 68509, phone (402) 471-4721, fax (402) 471-5039, email address — christopher.cantrell@nebraska.gov

The Office of Safety administers inspection programs for elevators, amusement rides and boilers. The office also administers the OSHA2ID program, which encourages businesses to provide safe work environments through collaboration between department inspection staff and business owners and managers.

Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board

Statutory Reference: 48-739

The Boiler Safety Code Advisory Board, created in 1988, holds hearings and advises the commissioner on rules and regulations for testing, constructing and installing equipment covered by the Boiler Inspection Act.

The board has seven governor-appointed members approved by the Legislature for four-year terms. Members represent owners and users of boilers; boiler sellers; craftsmen involved in boiler construction, repair or operation; the insurance industry; licensed professional engineers with boiler experience; public safety interests; and the public. The state boiler inspector is a nonvoting member. The board meets each July. Other meetings may be called by the chairperson or at the request of four other members. Members receive \$50 per day plus reimbursement for expenses.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Steven Bley, Omaha	Boiler Owners/Users	Jan. 1, 2019
Charles Cole, Otoe	Public	Jan. 1, 2017
Kurt Eberspacher, Lincoln	Insurance Industry	Jan. 1, 2017
Martin D. Kasl, Lincoln	Professional Engineer	Jan. 1, 2017
Robert Kirkpatrick, Lincoln	Construction/Repair Crafts	Jan. 1, 2019
Thomas Phipps, Omaha	Public Safety	Jan. 1, 2019
Kenneth Stewart, Omaha	Boiler Seller	Jan. 1, 2017
Christopher Cantrell, Lincoln	Chief Boiler Inspector	Ex Officio

**Conveyance Advisory Committee
(Elevators and Amusement Rides)**

Statutory Reference: 48-2503

The Conveyance Advisory Committee, created in 2007, has seven governor-appointed members approved by the Legislature for three-year terms. Members represent elevator manufacturers, elevator servicing companies, building managers, elevator mechanics and the public. The state elevator inspector and the State Fire Marshal or his or her designee also are members.

The committee meets quarterly, at the call of the chairperson or at the request of two or more members. Members are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Bret Abels, Papillion	Major Elevator Manufacture	March 30, 2016
Greg Anglim, LaVista	Elevator Mechanics	March 30, 2016
Mike Cimino, Fort Calhoun	Building Manager	March 30, 2015
Gordon Hardle, Lincoln	Public	March 30, 2015
Brad Keehn, Omaha	Elevator Servicing	March 30, 2017
William Mulherin, Omaha	Public	March 30, 2017
Robert Sackett, Omaha	Public	March 30, 2016
Gerald Brown, Omaha	Chief Elevator Inspector	Ex Officio
Jim Heine, Lincoln	State Fire Marshal	Ex Officio

**Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement
and Criminal Justice
(Nebraska Crime Commission)**

Office Address: 301 Centennial Mall South, Fifth Floor, P.O. Box 94946, Lincoln, NE 68509-4946, phone (402) 471-2194, website — www.ncc.ne.gov

Executive Director: Darrell Fisher

Statutory Reference: 81-1416

Publications: Annual report; annual crime statistics report; criminal justice directory; monthly newsletters; film/video library catalog; biannual law enforcement training schedule

The Governor’s Crime Control Commission was created in 1967. The name was changed to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice with legislation enacted in 1969 to establish the Crime Commission as a state agency. The Crime Commission was established to develop comprehensive plans and coordinate activities related to the improvement of criminal justice administration among state and local agencies. Since its inception, more statutory responsibilities have been assigned to the commission, which now serves as an umbrella agency for many criminal and juvenile justice programs mandated by state and federal law.

The governing body of the Crime Commission has 18 members, most of whom are appointed by the governor for six-year terms. Statute requires the governor, attorney general, superintendent of the State Patrol, director of the Department of Correctional

Services and chairperson of the Police Standards Advisory Council to be commission members. The commission meets quarterly to review the activities of its committees, take final action in awarding state and federal grant funds, provide oversight of staff activities and conduct other business as required. The commission's five standing committees are the Education, Research and Planning Committee; the Grant Review Committee; the Crime Victim's Reparations Committee (statutory reference: 81-1802); the Data Processing Committee and the Police Standards Advisory Council (statutory reference: 81-1406).

Member	Position	Term Expires
Candice Batton, Walton	Public at Large.....	Dec. 31, 2015
Jeff Davis, Papillion.....	County Sheriff.....	Dec. 31, 2017
Joe Hewgley, North Platte	County Commissioner	Dec. 31, 2017
Joe Kelly, Lincoln	County Attorney	Dec. 31, 2017
Timothy Larby, Atkinson	Police Standards Advisory Council Chairman	Dec. 31, 2015
Ray Norris, Omaha	Public at Large.....	Dec. 31, 2019
Donald E. Overman, Scottsbluff	Public at Large.....	Dec. 31, 2017
Gerard "Fred" Ruiz, Grand Island.....	Public at Large.....	Dec. 31, 2019
Rita Saunders, Bellevue	Mayor	Dec. 31, 2017
Michelle Schindler, Lincoln	Juvenile Delinquency Control.....	Dec. 31, 2017
Todd Schmaderer, Omaha.....	Police Chief	Dec. 31, 2017
Brenda Smith, Omaha.....	Public at Large.....	Dec. 31, 2017
Mike Swain, North Platte.....	Police Chief	Dec. 31, 2017
Mark Benne, Columbus	Juvenile Justice Coalition	Nonexpiring
Scott R. Frakes, Lincoln	Director of Correctional Services.....	Nonexpiring
Douglas J. Peterson, Lincoln	Attorney General	Nonexpiring
Gov. Pete Ricketts, Lincoln/Omaha	Governor	Nonexpiring
Col. David Sankey, Lincoln.....	Superintendent, State Patrol.....	Nonexpiring

Federal and State Aid

The Crime Commission administers federal and state aid programs in the areas of anti-drug abuse, violent crime, victim assistance, juvenile justice, law enforcement and criminal justice information systems. The commission awards grant funds to eligible programs that address priority issues and foster improvement in Nebraska's criminal and juvenile justice systems. Grant-funded projects are monitored and evaluated, with continuation funding based on each program's success in achieving its goals and objectives. Aid programs administered by the commission include: federal Justice Assistance Grant funds, federal Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program funds, federal Project Safe Neighborhoods funds, state Crime Stoppers funds, federal and state Victims of Crime Act funds, federal and state Crime Victim's Reparation Act funds, federal Stop Violence Against Women Act funds, federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act funds, federal Juvenile Accountability funds, state Juvenile Services Act funds, state Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid funds, federal and state Criminal Justice Information Systems funds and federal discretionary funds.

Byrne/Justice Assistance Grant Funds

Since 1986, the Crime Commission has administered and coordinated federal Justice Assistance (Byrne) funds. Funds have been awarded to state and local programs addressing drug abuse and violent crime, including the state's nine multi jurisdictional task forces that cover 72 of the state's 93 counties, as well as the Nebraska State Patrol's Mid and Upper Level Enforcement (MULE) project. Other funded projects have included drug and violent crime enforcement, offender treatment programs, drug testing, training, prosecution, substance abuse assessments for adult offenders, indigent defense enhancement of the Sexual Offender Registry and a statewide computerized law enforcement intelligence system.

Crime Victim Assistance

Since 1985, the Crime Commission has administered federal and state funds for crime victim assistance programs. These programs provide medical, emotional, financial and legal assistance as well as shelter, support and advocacy to crime victims during a time of crisis.

The Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Act, passed in 1979, provides compensation to innocent victims of crime for certain expenses directly related to the criminal act. Victims may be reimbursed up to \$10,000 for medical and \$5,000 for funeral expenses, loss of wages or earning power, counseling fees and residential crime scene cleanup. The commission's executive director serves as a hearing officer for claims received for reimbursement, with the Crime Victim's Reparations Committee responsible for any appeals received regarding the hearing officer's decisions.

In 1995, the commission began administering the federal Stop Violence Against Women Act Formula Block Grant Program. Since the program's inception, grant funds have been awarded to enhance the criminal justice system's response in serving women who have been victims of violence.

In 1999, the commission established a statewide Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) system. The VINE system is a computerized system that automatically notifies victims of crime whenever an offender is released or moved from a jail or prison or transferred to another detention or correctional facility.

Juvenile Justice

The Crime Commission administers state and federal grant funds to juvenile justice and delinquency prevention programs throughout Nebraska and coordinates the development of juvenile justice initiatives and projects. Since 1981, federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act funding has been awarded to delinquency prevention and juvenile justice programs, such as shelters, staff secure programs, diversion, detention alternatives, tracker programs, disproportionate minority confinement initiatives, counseling and community-based evaluations. The commission monitors and oversees Nebraska's compliance with the federal act and provides technical assistance and training to criminal and juvenile justice practitioners. The Crime Commission also is responsible for administering Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program funds to

state and local programs. The commission also administers the requirements of laws relating to Nebraska Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid, including providing state general funds to communities to develop and provide community-based programs as alternatives to incarceration.

Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center

Contact Person: William Muldoon, Director, Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center, 3600 N. Academy Road, Grand Island, NE 68801-9403, phone (308) 385-6030

Statutory Reference: 81-1402

The Crime Commission has been responsible for the administration and supervision of the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center in Grand Island since 1971. In 1994, legislation gave the Police Standards Advisory Council responsibility for training curricula development, establishing required course hours and issuing training certificates. In 2011, legislation gave the executive director of the Crime Commission supervision of the director of training. The center provides mandatory basic and specialized training for law enforcement and detention officers statewide, including continuing education and specialized training programs. Specialized training topics include law enforcement, drug enforcement, highway safety, emergency vehicle operation, firearms, violent crime and homicide investigations and Spanish for law enforcement. Training programs are conducted at the center and throughout the state, with selected courses via the internet. Several institutions of higher learning, such as the University of Nebraska at Kearney, Peru State College, Bellevue University and Northeast Community College, grant college credit for training center coursework.

Office of Violence Prevention

Contact Person: Chris Harris

Statutory Reference: 81-1447

The 2009 Legislature created the Office of Violence Prevention, which is housed within the Crime Commission. The office's primary responsibility is to help promote, assess and fund statewide violence prevention programs.

The office aids privately funded organizations, local government subdivisions and other advocacy groups in developing proven prevention, intervention, diversion and enforcement programs. In 2013, through a competitive grants process, the office awarded \$350,000 to five separate organizations with a history of success in reducing violent crime. Grant recipients are required to develop goals, objectives and performance indicators and submit quarterly activity reports to the Office of Violence Prevention. Grantees also are required to provide an evaluation report. A portion of the grant funds must be used for a professional evaluator.

A six-member advisory council, appointed by the governor, meets quarterly. The council is required to recommend to the Crime Commission regulations regarding program fundraising, evaluation and coordination and criteria used to assess and award funds to violence prevention programs.

Jail and Juvenile Detention Facility Standards

The Crime Commission's Jail Standards Division annually inspects local jails, temporary holding facilities and juvenile detention facilities for compliance with Nebraska's mandatory standards. The division also provides technical assistance to local jurisdictions in planning, construction and renovation projects, training, operations, management, record systems, policies and procedures and resource development.

Crime Statistics, Research and Data Collection

In 1971, the Crime Commission became responsible for collecting Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. All law enforcement agencies in the state are required by law to submit Uniform Crime Reports detailing the number of crimes reported or known to them and the number of arrests and citations issued on a monthly basis. Crime statistics are compiled by the commission's UCR program and forwarded to the FBI for inclusion in national crime statistics and use by federal, state and local agencies and policy makers. The UCR program publishes preliminary and annual statistical reports. Participating law enforcement agencies receive monthly reports, including a summary of reported data, a trends report for monthly comparisons to the previous year and year-to-date statistics. The UCR program also maintains a central data repository for crimes motivated by hate on the part of the offender as well as domestic assault statistics.

In addition to the UCR program, the commission's Statistical Analysis Center maintains several statewide databases, including the Jail and Juvenile Detention Admission and Release Database, Juvenile Court Database, and Drug and Violent Crime Database, with statistical information compiled and published on a regular basis. Ongoing research is conducted and published. Statistical information and research is available to assist in criminal and juvenile justice initiatives and planning efforts at the local, state and federal levels.

Since 1995, the commission has hosted the Nebraska Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS). CJIS is a statewide integrated data system with more than 7,500 users who conduct 6.7 million data searches each year. The CJIS Advisory Committee builds ways for agencies to efficiently and effectively share criminal justice data. The primary purposes of CJIS are to promote the sharing of data among agencies, to implement programs and systems that assist state and local agencies in the performance of their jobs, and to provide a forum to discuss issues.

The commission collects traffic stop data, including the race or ethnicity of the person stopped and the nature of the violation, and issues an annual report.

Community Corrections Division

Contact Person: Linda Krutz

Statutory Reference: 47-622

The primary mandate of the Community Corrections Division is to support the continued development and implementation of a statewide network of community corrections programs as a means to reduce prison overcrowding. This mandate is part of a collaborative effort involving both criminal justice agencies and community stakehold-

ers. The role of the division in this effort is to evaluate and recommend improvements to existing community corrections programs, improve the data collection and analysis capabilities of community corrections programs and provide objective research and information on community corrections issues to policy-makers, stakeholders and the public.

Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid

Contact Persons: Cindy Gans, Amy Hoffman

Statutory Reference: 43-2401 to 43-2413

The purpose of the Community-Based Juvenile Services Aid program is to aid in the establishment and provision of community-based services for juveniles who come in contact with the juvenile justice system in accordance with the Juvenile Services Act. The purpose of the Juvenile Services Act is to assist in the provision of appropriate preventive, diversionary and dispositional alternatives for juveniles; to encourage coordination of the elements of the juvenile services system; and to provide an opportunity for local involvement in developing community programs for juveniles so that the following objectives may be obtained:

- preservation of the family unit whenever the best interests of the juvenile are served and such preservation does not place the juvenile at imminent risk
- limitation of intervention to those actions that are necessary and utilize the least restrictive yet most effective and appropriate resources
- encouragement of active family participation in whatever treatment is afforded a juvenile whenever the best interests of the juvenile require it
- treatment in the community rather than commitment to a youth rehabilitation and treatment center whenever the best interests of the juvenile require it
- assistance in the development of alternatives to secure temporary custody for juveniles who do not require secure detention

Nebraska Jail Standards Board

Contact Person: Denny Macomber, Chief, Jail Standards Division, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fifth Floor, P.O. Box 94946, Lincoln, NE 68509-9496, phone (402) 471-3990

Statutory Reference: 83-4,124

The Nebraska Jail Standards Board, created in 1978 and placed with the Crime Commission in 1981, is responsible for developing, implementing and enforcing minimum standards for the state's adult jails and temporary holding facilities. With the enactment of the Juvenile Detention Facility Standards in 1993, the board's scope was expanded to include juvenile detention facilities.

The Jail Standards Board is composed of 12 members, nine of whom are appointed by the governor for three-year terms. The state fire marshal and director of the Department of Correctional Services serve on the board by statute. Appointed board members include two county commissioners or supervisors, a county sheriff, a police chief, a juvenile detention facility administrator, an administrator of a large jail, a member of the Nebraska Bar Association and two laypersons. The board, which meets on a quarterly basis, operates as an independent governing board with staff and administrative support provided by the Crime Commission's Jail Standards Division.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Brad Alexander, Plattsmouth	Staff Secured Juvenile Facility Administrator.....	July 7, 2016
Vesta Dack, McCook	County Representative	July 7, 2016
Keith Harvat, Omaha	Nebraska Bar Association	July 7, 2016
Ronald Johns, Gering	Juvenile Detention Facility Administrator	July 7, 2018
Willis Luedke, Crete	County Commissioner	July 7, 2015
Jim Peschong, Lincoln	Police Chief	July 7, 2018
Bruce Prenda, Lincoln	Layperson	July 7, 2016
Kevin Stukenholtz, Wahoo	County Sheriff	July 7, 2015
Mike Thurber, Lincoln	Large Jail Administrator	July 7, 2015
William Wakefield, Lincoln	Layperson	July 7, 2015
Scott R. Frakes, Lincoln	Director of Correctional Services	Nonexpiring
Jim Heine, Lincoln	State Fire Marshal	Nonexpiring

Advisory Groups

Nebraska County Attorney Standards Advisory Council

Statutory Reference: 23-1213

The eleven-member County Attorney Standards Advisory Council has statutory responsibility for advising the Crime Commission on developing a continuing legal education curriculum required for all Nebraska county attorneys and their deputies as well as establishing the required number of annual training hours. The 2009 Legislature mandated a training requirement for all persons who are elected or appointed as a coroner or deputy coroner. The advisory council oversees this training requirement. Council members are appointed by the governor for four-year terms and include six county attorneys or deputy county attorneys, one professor of law, two county commissioners or supervisors, one county sheriff or chief of police and one certified forensic pathologist.

Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice

Statutory Reference: 43-2411

The Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice is mandated through the state's participation in the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and the state Juvenile Services Act. The coalition makes recommendations to the Crime Commission on juvenile justice issues and federal and state juvenile justice grants, oversees Nebraska's compliance with the JJDP Act and prepares annual reports on these activities for the governor and the Legislature. Members are appointed by the governor, with at least six members being younger than 24 years of age at the time of appointment to ensure young adult representation.

Task Force on Human Trafficking

Statutory Reference: 81-1430

The Task Force on Human Trafficking was established with the passage of LB1145 in 2012. The task force investigates and studies human trafficking, methods of advertising human trafficking service and the victimization of individuals coerced to participate in human trafficking. The task force will work with the Nebraska Department of Labor to develop or select informational posters for placement around the state to assist

trafficking victims. The task force also have approved a curriculum for criminal justice agencies for mandatory training regarding issues in human trafficking.

Members include representatives of the attorney general's office, law enforcement, political subdivisions, advocacy groups and the general public. Members are appointed by the governor and serve six-year terms. Members are reimbursed for their expenses.

Nebraska Police Standards Advisory Council

Statutory Reference: 81-1406

The seven-member Police Standards Advisory Council acts for the Crime Commission in matters relating to law enforcement training and the training center with the exception of budgetary and personnel matters. The council establishes and enforces minimum qualification and training standards for law enforcement officers as well as assesses current and future law enforcement needs related to standards and training. The council also is responsible for establishing training center admission criteria and the training curriculum for law enforcement certification in Nebraska. The council serves as an appeals board for actions related to the enforcement of standards, admission to the training center and actions taken by the center's director. The council also is the hearing body for decertification of law enforcement officers. Council members are appointed by the governor for four-year terms and include two county sheriffs, two police chiefs, a Lincoln or Omaha police department representative, a State Patrol representative and a member of the public, with representatives from the Crime Commission and the Omaha FBI office serving as ex officio members.

Racial Profiling Advisory Committee

Statutory Reference: 20-506

In 2004, the Racial Profiling Advisory Committee was created to advise the executive director of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice on the prevalence of motor vehicle stops involving racial profiling. The commission is required to annually submit to the governor and the Legislature a review of the prevalence and disposition of motor vehicle stops based on racial profiling and allegations reported. The committee developed a reporting form for motor vehicle stops and a form for receiving allegations of racial profiling.

The committee consists of the executive director of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice and a representative from each of the following organizations: Fraternal Order of Police, Nebraska County Sheriffs Association, Police Officers Association of Nebraska, American Civil Liberties Union of Nebraska, Nebraska State Patrol, AFL-CIO, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Commission on Indian Affairs, Latino-American Commission, Nebraska State Bar Association and the Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska. The committee meets semi annually.

Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Committee

The Crime Commission established the Criminal Justice Information Systems Advisory Committee in 1995 to provide advice and direction on issues relating to data

sharing and use of information technology among criminal justice agencies. The committee advises the commission on criminal justice information system issues, establishes and promotes standards for data processing and communication, facilitates the development and coordination of state and local criminal justice information systems, provides an avenue for cooperation and coordination among state and local information systems and establishes future directions for data sharing. Committee members are appointed by the commission's executive director and include representatives from a variety of state and local criminal justice agencies and professional associations.

Military Department

Office Address: 2433 N.W. 24th St., Lincoln, NE 68524-1801, phone (402) 309-8210, toll-free phone for National Guard recruiting information (800) 334-5082

Adjutant General: Maj. Gen. Daryl L. Bohac

Statutory Reference: 55-120

Authorized Troop Strength: Army National Guard, 3,664; Air National Guard, 900

Publications: *Prairie Soldier* online newspaper and directives applicable to the department

The Military Department functions as a state department for military and non-military operations.

The Army National Guard, the Air National Guard and the State Guard, when organized (statutory reference: 55-201), make up the state's military forces. They conduct military operations and missions to support civil authority when authorized by the governor, who is commander in chief. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, a component of the Military Department, coordinates civil resources to support civil authority in an emergency.

On Feb. 15, 1864, the Legislature established the adjutant general's office for the Nebraska Territory. The territorial militia was organized under an act approved in 1865. However, the initial organization of two regiments took place in 1854.

The militia was first organized in reaction to the Great Sioux and Cheyenne Indian War on the territorial border. The nature of the early militia changed to meet the state's needs from 1854 until the end of the Indian Wars in 1890. By 1881, the office of adjutant general again was established as a separate entity after being part of the secretary of state's office for 10 years. The office has continued in this capacity since that time. Legislation passed in 1974 formally changed the office's name to the Military Department.

The adjutant general, besides commanding the state military forces, is state emergency management director, emergency resource management coordinator, emergency preparedness director and state disaster coordinator.

The governor, as state military force commander in chief, appoints the adjutant general from commissioned officers of the Nebraska National Guard. The adjutant general serves until resignation, reaching the mandatory retirement age of 64 or being relieved. The adjutant general controls Military Department forces and executes the governor's orders.

The adjutant general represents the state at national, regional and area military and

nonmilitary defense conferences. The adjutant general develops all civil and military defense, state emergency preparedness and disaster recovery plans for the state. He coordinates with appropriate regional and national agencies and other states to formulate Army, Air Force, civil defense and emergency plans for the state.

Nebraska National Guard¹

Statutory Reference: 55-105

The Nebraska National Guard is made up of the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. The Army National Guard comprises three Major Subordinate Commands (MSCs) with an authorized strength of 3,664. The MSCs are the 67th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade, 92nd Troop Command and the 209th Regional Training Institute. Units are located in 28 Nebraska communities. The Air National Guard consists of three major commands with an authorized strength of 900 members: the state headquarters and the 155th Air Refueling Wing, located in Lincoln; and the 170th Operations Support Squadron, located at Offutt Air Force Base.

Service members can be called to state active duty to execute missions within the state when authorized by the governor. The state mission of the Nebraska National Guard is to provide trained and equipped organizations to protect life and property and to preserve peace, order and public safety.

Service members are called to federal service for national defense missions, either in the United States or abroad, when authorized by the president. The federal mission of the Nebraska National Guard is to provide the armed forces with trained and equipped units ready for a national emergency or war, in accordance with U.S. Department of Defense plans.

Most fiscal support for the Nebraska National Guard comes from federal sources. The budget for pay and allowances for Active Guard Reserves, federal technicians and part-time Guard members exceeds \$73 million annually. Other expenses paid by the U.S. government, such as fuel, travel, repairs and construction, supplies and equipment, amount to more than \$37 million each year. The present equipment and real property for both the Army and Air National Guard is valued at more than \$494 million.

Nebraska Emergency Management Agency

Office Address: 2433 N.W. 24th St., Lincoln, NE 68524-1801, phone (402) 471-7421, 24-hour emergency response phone (877) 297-2368

Assistant Director: Bryan Tuma

Statutory Reference: 81-829.31

The adjutant general is the state emergency management director. The assistant director conducts the agency's day-to-day operations. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency has a full-time civilian staff that can respond at any time through an established duty-officer system.

If a disaster occurs, local government responds using local resources. When these resources are deemed inadequate and state resources are required to assist with the

¹For more information about the Nebraska National Guard, see Pages 132-133.

response, local officials will contact NEMA. NEMA assesses the disaster and makes a recommendation to the governor on whether a state declaration is needed. If the governor declares a state emergency, state resources can be used within certain restrictions to provide assistance.

NEMA also supports other state agencies and local governments with training and education programs, public information, disaster recovery assistance and disaster planning. NEMA writes plans at the state level, including the State Emergency Operations Plan and the Nebraska Radiological Emergency Response Plans for the state’s two nuclear power plants. The agency coordinates state and federal emergency planning and disaster recovery and homeland security activities in support of the state’s homeland security director.

NEMA occupies the state’s Emergency Operations Center at the Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ) on the Nebraska National Guard Airbase. The EOC provides a secure location from where Nebraska government can operate during emergencies.

State Emergency Response Commission

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Statutory Reference: 81-15,210

The State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) appoints, supervises and coordinates the activities of the Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) under the Nebraska Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act for hazardous materials.

Commission members include the director of Environmental Quality, the director of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure, the director of the Department of Roads, the superintendent of the Nebraska State Patrol, the State Fire Marshal and the director of the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, or their designees. The commission also includes two elected officials or employees of municipal or county government and one citizen representing each of the following groups: firefighters, local emergency management, public or community health, environmental protection, labor, school districts, small business, agricultural business, the chemical industry, highway transportation and rail transportation. The governor appoints the municipal or county government members and the citizen members with the approval of the Legislature. The appointments must represent Nebraska’s three congressional districts as equally as possible. Members are appointed for four-year terms and are reimbursed for expenses. The commission meets on a quarterly basis.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Sherry Blaha, Gering	County Government (NACO)	Sept. 13, 2017
Steven F. Danon, Omaha	Small Business	Sept. 13, 2016
Keith Deiml, Papillion	School/Education	Sept. 13, 2015
Donald Eisenhower, Fairbury	Agribusiness	Sept. 13, 2016
Gary Gandara, Lincoln	Labor	Sept. 13, 2015
John Grimes, Norfolk	Chemical Industry	Sept. 13, 2017
Keith Hansen, Lincoln	Public/Community Health	Sept. 13, 2018
Tim Hofbauer, Columbus	Local Emergency Management	Sept. 13, 2018

Larry Johnson, Lincoln	Trucking Industry.....	Sept. 13, 2017
Dana Miller, Gering.....	Firefighters.....	Sept. 13, 2018
Kimberly Plouzek, Crete.....	Environmental Protection.....	Sept. 13, 2015
Benjamin Salo, Gretna.....	Transportation.....	Sept. 13, 2017
Vacant	City Government.....	Sept. 13, 2014
Maj. Gen. Daryl Bohac, Waverly.....	NEMA Director.....	Ex Officio
Joe Francis, Lincoln	Department of Environmental Quality.....	Ex Officio
Jim Heine, Lincoln.....	Acting State Fire Marshal.....	Ex Officio
Tom Sands, Lincoln	Department of Roads.....	Ex Officio
Lt. Col. Thomas Schwarten, Lincoln.....	Nebraska State Patrol.....	Ex Officio
Sue Semerena, Lincoln.....	Department of Health and Human Services.....	Ex Officio

Department of Motor Vehicles

Office Address: 301 Centennial Mall South, Mall Level, P.O. Box 94789, Lincoln, NE 68509-4789, phone (402) 471-3900, fax (402) 471-3920, website — www.dmv.ne.gov

Director: Rhonda K. Lahm

Statutory Reference: 81-101

Publications: Book containing Nebraska motor vehicle laws; driver's license manual; commercial driver's license manual; annual report; instruction manuals for treasurers; motorcycle operator's manual

The Department of Motor Vehicles examines and licenses drivers; administers the driver's license point system, financial responsibility and administrative license revocation laws; issues certificates of title; and registers motor vehicles, including motor carrier proration, fuel tax and reciprocity.

County treasurers act as agents for the department and issue motor vehicle titles and registrations, and collect the fee for driver's licenses.

The department performs functions previously administered by the Division of Motor Vehicles, except those related to the Motor Vehicle Dealer Licensing Act. Under previous law, administration of this act was given to the head of the Department of Roads and Irrigation, acting with a supervisory board. In 1957, a new Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board was created, with the director of the Department of Motor Vehicles as its chairperson.

The first motor vehicle laws were enacted in 1905 when vehicles were defined and required to be registered with the secretary of state. Motor vehicle supervision was transferred in 1919 to the Bureau of Roads and Bridges, then to a section of the Department of Public Works. In 1921, responsibility was given to the Department of Public Works, and in 1933, responsibility was transferred to the new Department of Roads and Irrigations. In 1957, the Legislature created a separate Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

Today, the DMV houses the office of the director, which oversees operations of the six divisions below that included approximately 190 employees and an annual budget of \$22.4 million in fiscal year 2013-14. Administration includes the deputy director, budget and human resources officers and support staff.

Driver and Vehicle Records Division

Contact Person: Betty Johnson, Administrator, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94789, Lincoln, NE 68509-4789, phone (402) 471-3918, fax (402) 471-8694

Motor vehicles were first registered in June 1905. Individuals made their own plates, and registrations were recorded by the state. In 1915, the state began issuing license plates. In 1922, the state established the practice of using prefix numbers to identify the counties in which vehicles were registered. Each county was assigned a number based on the number of registered vehicles in the county at that time. The county with the most vehicles, Douglas, was assigned the number 1; the county with the second highest number of vehicles, Lancaster, was number 2; and so forth. Beginning with the 2002 license plate issue, Douglas, Lancaster and Sarpy counties began issuing a three-letter, three-number plate.

The 1955 Legislature provided for the slogan "The Beef State" on license plates. From 1966 to 1968, the word "Centennial" replaced "The Beef State." This was later replaced by "Cornhusker State."

The 1974 Legislature provided that plates issued during 1972 were valid through 1975. In 1976, specially designed license plates with the inscription "1776 BICENTENNIAL 1976" were issued. At the upper left and right corners were drawings of a covered wagon and an Indian chief in full headdress.

Current law requires a new license plate to be issued every six years. The plates are distinctive for each new issuance. Annual renewal tab stickers are affixed to plates during the six years. This division (DVR) is responsible for the budget and inventory control of the 65 types of license plates throughout all 93 counties and the message and specialty plate programs. The department is responsible for the issuance of 65 different license plate types.

Graphic-designed license plates were first issued in 1988. The plates have no slogans and instead use graphic art designs contained in the reflective sheeting. These plates are issued for general-use passenger vehicles.

Digitally printed flat license plates were introduced with the 2005 plate reissuance.

In addition to license plates and registrations, DVR is responsible for the administration of the statewide Vehicle Titling and Registration System (VTR). VTR is used by all 93 counties for the titling and registration of Nebraska's approximately 2.3 million motor vehicles. VTR is the system through which all motor vehicle taxes, motor vehicle fees, motor vehicle registration fees, sales tax, wheel tax and other assorted fees are collected. The division reviews applications and issues approximately 120,000 handicapped parking permits and maintains the Motor Vehicle Insurance Database.

DVR also is responsible for the database that maintains the records of 1.5 million licensed drivers and State ID card holders and the Digital Driver License System. The DVR Help Desk provides technology and business support for county officials and the general public. DVR also houses a Fraud Unit, which was created in 2005, that investigates identity theft, driver license fraud, and title and odometer fraud. The unit also manages the facial recognition process that was incorporated into the driver license issuance workflow as a security measure in 2009.

Driver Licensing Services

Contact Person: Sara O'Rourke, Administrator, Driver Licensing Services, 301 Centennial Mall South, Mall Level, P.O. Box 94726, Lincoln, NE 68509-4726, phone (402) 471-3861, fax (402) 471-4020

Driver Licensing Services ensures that individuals meet Nebraska's licensing standards and requirements for issuance of driver permits, licenses and State ID cards. The division utilizes numerous systems to effectively administer its programs, including: the Interactive Driver License System, Digital Driver License System, Central Card Production and Issuance System, Automated Testing System, Problem Driver Pointer System, Commercial Driver's License Information System, Social Security Online Verification, Systemic Alien Verification Entitlements Program and the Commercial Driver License (CDL) Third Party Tester Database.

The division certifies driver training schools, driver safety schools and CDL third party testers and examiners. Driver training schools and CDL third party testers are audited annually. There are 97 exam offices and 100 employees located throughout the state who assist individuals to obtain nine different types of permits and six types of licenses and State ID cards. Thirteen offices are open five days a week. In 2013, over 600,000 applicants were assisted in driver licensing offices statewide. In addition, over 100,000 applicants used online DMV services.

Health Advisory Board

Statutory Reference: 60-4,118.02

The 1994 Legislature created a state health advisory board of six members appointed by the director of motor vehicles with the advice and recommendation of the director of the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure. Members consist of one general practice physician, one physician who practices ophthalmology, one physician who practices orthopedic surgery, one physician who practices neurological medicine and surgery, one optometrist and one psychiatrist. The board advises the director of motor vehicles on the physical or mental ability of applicants for or holders of driver's licenses to operate a vehicle. Board members meet as necessary at the call of the director of motor vehicles. Board members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Howard A. Dinsdale, Lincoln	Ophthalmology	Jan. 1, 2011
Thomas M. Heiser, Lincoln	Orthopedic Surgery	Jan. 1, 2011
Robert G. Osborne, Lincoln	Psychiatry	Jan. 1, 2009
Duane Polzein, Lincoln	Optometry	Jan. 1, 2011
Les W. Veskna, Lincoln	General Family Practice	Jan. 1, 2010

Motor Carrier Services Division

Contact Person: Cathy Beedle, Administrator, Division of Motor Carrier Services, 301 Centennial Mall South, Mall Level, P.O. Box 94729, Lincoln, NE 68509-4729, phone (402) 471-4435, fax (402) 471-4024

Statutory Reference: 75-385

The 1996 Legislature established the Division of Motor Carrier Services within the department. The director of motor vehicles appoints the administrator of the division. The division:

- promotes the motor carrier industry of the state of Nebraska
- promotes the public health and welfare of Nebraska citizens by ensuring that the motor carrier industry operates in an efficient and safe manner
- provides for efficient and uniform governmental oversight of the motor carrier industry
- promotes financial responsibility on the part of motor carriers operating in and through Nebraska
- administers provisions of the International Registration Plan (IRP). In 2013, the division collected over \$82 million total IRP fees, retaining \$33 million in Nebraska and distributing the \$49 million balance to other IRP jurisdictions.
- administers the International Fuel Tax Agreement Act. In 2013, the division collected over \$7.5 million in fuel tax revenues, retaining \$5.7 million in Nebraska and distributing \$1.9 million to other IFTA jurisdictions.
- administers the Unified Carrier Registration System
- issues certificates of title to apportioned registered motor vehicles
- conducts mileage and fuel audits of motor carriers

Financial Responsibility Division

Contact Person: Kathy VanBrocklin, Division Manager, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94877, Lincoln, NE 68509-4877, phone (402) 471-3985, fax (402) 471-8288

Statutory Reference: 60-501

The Financial Responsibility Division carries out the provisions of the Financial Responsibility Act. They suspend and revoke operator's licenses for:

- no proof of liability insurance
- court orders
- accumulation of violation points
- failure to comply with payment of fine
- unsatisfied judgment
- insurance cancellation
- violation of child support order

The division processes driver's license reinstatement applications for suspensions or revocations and reviews and approves applications for ignition interlock and employment drive permits. The division also is the point of contact for issuance of medical hardship permits and aids in the collection of traffic fines and child support order payments.

In 2013, the division revoked or suspended the driver licenses of 60,064 individuals, reinstated 57,884 driver licenses and recorded 164,978 traffic violation convictions to driving records.

Legal Division

Contact Person: Noelle Ackermann Sherdon, Administrator, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94699, Lincoln, NE 68509-4699, phone (402) 471-9593, fax (402) 471-4828

Statutory Reference: 60-1503, 60-498.01

The Legal Division handles the department's rules and regulations promulgation, administrative hearings, contracts, legislation, certification of interlock providers, STOP programs and cases under the State Claims Board. The division also administers the administrative license revocation (ALR) provisions for persons arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. In 2013, the ALR program affirmed the administrative license revocation of 8,104 drunk drivers.

Information Systems Division

Contact Person: Keith Dey, Information Systems Manager, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94789, Lincoln, NE 68509-4789, phone (402) 471-3906, fax (402) 471-4020

Statutory Reference: 60-1503

The division is responsible for the development, implementation, maintenance and support of all DMV related business applications. The division provides the technological tools, expertise and support needed to develop more efficient methods to serve Nebraskans. The focus of the DMV is to provide customers with easy access to both services and data hosted by the department. DMV online services are provided through www.nebraska.gov

County Numbers for Nebraska License Plates*

Number	County	Number	County	Number	County
3	Gage	34	Fillmore	66	Cherry
4	Custer	35	Dixon	67	Hitchcock
5	Dodge	36	Holt	68	Keith
6	Saunders	37	Phelps	69	Dawes
7	Madison	38	Furnas	70	Dakota
8	Hall	39	Cheyenne	71	Kimball
9	Buffalo	40	Pierce	72	Chase
10	Platte	41	Polk	73	Gosper
11	Otoe	42	Nuckolls	74	Perkins
12	Knox	43	Colfax	75	Brown
13	Cedar	44	Nemaha	76	Dundy
14	Adams	45	Webster	77	Garden
15	Lincoln	46	Merrick	78	Deuel
16	Seward	47	Valley	79	Hayes
17	York	48	Red Willow	80	Sioux
18	Dawson	49	Howard	81	Rock
19	Richardson	50	Franklin	82	Keya Paha
20	Cass	51	Harlan	83	Garfield
21	Scotts Bluff	52	Kearney	84	Wheeler
22	Saline	53	Stanton	85	Banner
23	Boone	54	Pawnee	86	Blaine
24	Cuming	55	Thurston	87	Logan
25	Butler	56	Sherman	88	Loup
26	Antelope	57	Johnson	89	Thomas
27	Wayne	58	Nance	90	McPherson
28	Hamilton	60	Frontier	91	Arthur
29	Washington	61	Sheridan	92	Grant
30	Clay	62	Greeley	93	Hooker
31	Burt	63	Boyd	A/N.....	Douglas ¹
32	Thayer	64	Morrill	A/N.....	Lancaster ¹
33	Jefferson	65	Box Butte	A/N.....	Sarpy ¹

* Source: Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles.

¹ Beginning in 2002, Douglas, Sarpy and Lancaster counties began using alphanumeric plates with three letters and three numbers instead of county-number plates.

Department of Natural Resources

Office Address: 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509-4676, phone (402) 471-2366, fax (402) 471-2900, website — www.dnr.nebraska.gov

Acting Director: Jim Schneider

Statutory Reference: 61-201

Publications: Biennial report; hydrographic report; quarterly newsletter; periodic special reports; daily river and canal bulletins (May-September); biennial report for the Nebraska Resources Development Fund; Annual Evaluation of Availability of Hydrologically Connected Water Supplies and numerous other reports and brochures.

The Department of Natural Resources was created on July 1, 2000, by a merger of the Department of Water Resources and the Natural Resources Commission (LB900).

The 1895 Legislature created the state Board of Irrigation and gave it jurisdiction

over water rights for irrigation, power and other purposes. In 1911, the name was changed to the state Board of Irrigation, Highways and Drainage. The board's director, the state engineer, was given responsibility in other fields. In 1919, the name was changed to the Department of Public Works. In 1933, it became known as the Department of Roads and Irrigation, with jurisdiction over highways, vehicle registration and law enforcement, besides water rights issues.

The 1957 Legislature created the Department of Water Resources and gave it the powers and duties formerly exercised by the Bureau of Irrigation, Water Power and Drainage, and the Department of Roads and Irrigation. The department carried out the work started by the state Board of Irrigation.

The Natural Resources Commission was originally established in 1937 as the State Soil Conservation Committee. The committee was later known as the Soil and Water Conservation Commission and then was renamed the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission in 1972.

The Department of Natural Resources carries out the functions and programs of the merged agencies. It regulates the use and storage of surface water from Nebraska's streams, lakes and reservoirs and authorizes the transfer of groundwater by industrial and municipal groundwater users. The department also measures and records state streamflows. The department maintains the state water wells registration system and approves requests to waive state water well spacing requirements. The department issues permits to allow the development of geothermal groundwater use and to allow groundwater transfers to another state.

The department's floodplain management duties include administering Nebraska's Flood Plain Regulation Act and providing state coordination of the National Flood Insurance Program. Local governments with zoning jurisdiction have one year after receiving acceptable floodway boundaries to adopt zoning ordinances restricting development and land use within those floodway lines. The department helps local subdivisions meet requirements prescribed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which administers the flood insurance program. The department is responsible for reviewing and approving plans and specifications for dams to ensure that the dams will be safe and regularly inspects dams for safety violations.

The Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act requires the department to review the state's water supplies annually and decide if any basins are fully appropriated and, therefore, subject to the integrated management planning process. In the areas of the state that have been declared fully appropriated or overappropriated, the department works with natural resources districts to create integrated management plans that will sustain water uses and supplies.² The department and the natural resources districts may limit water use through a variety of methods including assigning allocations to water use, prohibiting new wells and new surface water appropriations, rotating well use, tougher well-spacing standards, better management practices and educational programs.

The department director is the Nebraska member of several interstate bodies that

² For more information on Natural Resources Districts, see Page 873.

administer stream and border compacts.³ The department is responsible for coordinating the state's efforts to comply with interstate stream compacts.

Natural Resources Commission

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Statutory Reference: 2-1504

The Natural Resources Commission carries out certain specific responsibilities in connection with natural resources districts including providing special funds for district projects. The commission created the original NRD boundaries in 1971 and is responsible for approving boundary alterations.

Through passage of LB1098, the 2014 Legislature increased the commission's size from 16 members to 27. Thirteen commission members represent the state's recognized river basins and are elected to four-year terms at individual caucuses of the natural resources districts. The 14 other members are appointed to four-year terms by the governor and represent: agribusiness interests, agricultural interests, groundwater irrigators, irrigation districts, manufacturing interests, metropolitan utilities districts, municipal water users from a primary class city, municipal water users from a first or second class city or village, outdoor recreation users, public power districts, public power and irrigation districts, range livestock owners, surface water irrigators and wildlife conservation interests.

Member	Representing	Term Expires
Garry A. Anderson, Dixon.....	Elkhorn River Basin	Jan. 19, 2017
Brian Barels, Columbus.....	Public Power Districts	May 31, 2016
Donald Batie, Lexington.....	Agricultural Interests.....	May 31, 2018
Joel Christensen, Omaha.....	Metropolitan Utilities Districts.....	May 31, 2016
Stan Clouse, Kearney.....	Municipal Water Users.....	May 31, 2016
Dave Deines, Gering.....	North Platte River Basin.....	Jan. 19, 2017
Beverly Donaldson, Omaha.....	Missouri Tributaries River Basin.....	Jan. 22, 2015
Kevin Fornoff, Hayes Center.....	Republican River Basin.....	Jan. 19, 2017
N. Richard Hadenfeldt, Dannebrog.....	Loup River Basin.....	Jan. 22, 2015
Joseph Hergott, Hebron.....	Little Blue River Basin.....	Jan. 19, 2017
Steve Huggenberger, Lincoln.....	Municipal Water Users.....	May 31, 2016
Clinton Johannes, Richland.....	Lower Platte River Basin.....	Jan. 22, 2015
David E. Kadlecck, Hay Springs.....	Niobrara-White-Hat River Basins.....	Jan. 19, 2017
Thomas L. Knutson, St. Paul.....	Surface Water Irrigators.....	May 31, 2016
Henry (Hod) Kosman, Scottsbluff.....	Wildlife Conservation Interests.....	May 31, 2018
Don Kraus, Holdrege.....	Public Power and Irrigation Districts.....	May 31, 2018
Owen Palm, Scottsbluff.....	Agribusiness Interests.....	May 31, 2018
Tom Palmertree, Deshler.....	Manufacturing Interests.....	May 31, 2016
Darrell M. Rains, Beatrice.....	Big Blue River Basin.....	Jan. 22, 2015
Keith Rexroth, Sidney.....	South Platte River Basin.....	Jan. 22, 2015
Michael (Mick) Reynolds, Wood River.....	Middle Platte River Basin.....	Jan. 18, 2017
Scott Smathers, Lincoln.....	Outdoor Recreation Users.....	May 31, 2016
Lindsey Smith, Broken Bow.....	Range Livestock Owners.....	May 31, 2018
Jeff Steffen, Crofton.....	Missouri Tributaries River Basin.....	Jan. 22, 2015

³ For more details on these interstate compacts, see Page 739.

Walter Dennis Strauch, Mitchell	Irrigation Districts.....	May 31, 2018
Steve Sugden, Adams	Nemaha River Basin	Jan. 22, 2015
Loren Taylor, Broken Bow	Groundwater Irrigators.....	May 31, 2018

Carbon Sequestration Advisory Committee

Contact Person: Jesse Bradley, Department of Natural Resources, 301 Centennial Mall South, Fourth Floor, P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509-4676, phone (402) 471-2363, fax (402) 471-2900, website — www.dnr.nebraska.gov

Statutory Reference: 2-5301

The 2000 Legislature passed an act relating to the environment and created the Carbon Sequestration Advisory Committee. The act directed the Department of Natural Resources to prepare a report for the Legislature relating to the atmospheric carbon dioxide buildup (greenhouse gases) and investigate possible means to sequester carbon dioxide in the soil. A statewide assessment of carbon levels in soils and the potential for storing higher levels was issued as a separate report for the Legislature. The report and statewide assessment were completed in 2001 and 2002. The act also established a governor-appointed advisory committee to:

- advise and assist the Department of Natural Resources in report preparation
- recommend policies and programs to enhance the ability of agricultural landowners to participate in carbon trading
- encourage the production of educational and advisory materials on carbon sequestration
- identify and recommend areas of research

Member	Represents	Term Expires
Kenneth Berney, Stanton	Natural Resources Districts.....	Jan. 1, 2015
Neil Dominy, Lincoln.....	Natural Resources Conservation Service.....	Jan. 1, 2015
David Endorf, Daykin.....	Crop Production.....	Jan. 1, 2015
Joe Francis, Lincoln	Department of Environmental Quality	Jan. 1, 2015
Ross D. Garwood, Amelia	Livestock Producer.....	Jan. 1, 2015
Bobbie Kriz-Wickham, Lincoln.....	Department of Agriculture.....	Jan. 1, 2015
Gary D. Lynne, Lincoln	Emissions Marketing.....	Jan. 1, 2015
Jane Spires, Papillion.....	Electrical Industry.....	Jan. 1, 2015
Andrew Suyker, Lincoln.....	Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources	Jan. 1, 2015
Dayle Williamson, Lincoln.....	Department of Natural Resources	Jan. 1, 2015
Ginger Willson, Lincoln.....	Nebraska Energy Office	Jan. 1, 2015
Vacant	Crop Production	Jan. 1, 2015
Vacant	Ethanol Industry.....	Jan. 1, 2015
Vacant	Livestock Producer.....	Jan. 1, 2015

Nebraska State Patrol

Office Address: 1600 Highway 2, P.O. Box 94907, Lincoln, NE 68509-4907, phone (402) 471-4545, toll-free Drug Hot Line (800) 742-9333, toll-free Emergency Highway Help Line (800) 525-5555 (*55 on cellular phones), toll-free statewide Crime Stoppers Line (800) 422-1494, Road Conditions Line dial 511, Recruitment Hot Line

(866) 564-6677, website — www.statepatrol.nebraska.gov

Superintendent: Col. David Sankey

Administration: Lt. Col. Tom Schwarten, Assistant Superintendent; Maj. Kyle Otte, Administrative Services; Maj. Russ Stanczyk, Field Services; Maj. Bret Friesz, Investigative Services

Statutory References: 81-101 and 81-2001

Publications: Law enforcement bulletin; *The Informer* (internal newsletter); annual report; strategic plan; pamphlets and brochures

Headquarters Troop: Air Park-Lincoln, P.O. Box 94907, Lincoln, NE 68509-4907, phone (402) 471-4680

Troop A: 4411 S. 108th St., Omaha, NE 68137, phone (402) 331-3333

Troop B: 1401 W. Eisenhower Ave., Norfolk, NE 68701-2199, phone (402) 370-3456

Troop C: 3431 W. Old Potash, P.O. Box 1602, Grand Island, NE 68802-1602, phone (308) 385-6000

Troop D: Junction Highway 83 and Interstate 80, 300 W. South River Road, North Platte, NE 69101-6988, phone (308) 535-8047

Troop E: Panhandle Office Complex, 4500 Ave. I, P.O. Box 1500, Scottsbluff, NE 69361-0872, phone (308) 632-1211

In 1937, the Legislature created the Nebraska Safety Patrol, making it a division of the Department of Roads and Irrigation. As amended in 1941, the law named the patrol's chief officer as "superintendent of Law Enforcement and Public Safety." In 1967, the Legislature changed the name to State Patrol and broadened the division's duties. In 1981, the Legislature made the State Patrol a separate agency, removing it from Department of Roads' control.

The superintendent's office directly supervises professional standards, public information and executive protection. Other state patrol duties are classified under three general areas: administrative services, investigative services and field services.

Officers of the state patrol also provide executive protection for the governor and the governor's family, legislative security and Supreme/Appellate Court security.

Administrative Services

This division includes accounting, grants, human resources, information technology, supply, radio engineering, purchasing, CLEIN network administration, research and planning, project management and the training academy.

Internal Affairs Division

The Internal Affairs Division provides the agency a means of maintaining professional conduct within the Nebraska State Patrol. The Internal Affairs lieutenant receives complaints from the public and within the agency and initiates administrative investigations into complaints that allege misconduct. The division also tracks incidents where officers were required to use force or discharge weapons in the performance of their duties.

Investigative Services Division

The Investigative Services Division includes criminal investigations, drug investigations, the Nebraska Information Analysis Center (intelligence sharing of all crimes and hazards), criminal identification (fingerprint and criminal history files) and the following divisions: alcohol/tobacco, auto/fuel fraud, crime lab, cold case, hazardous devices, Internet crimes and the sex offender registry program.

Alcohol/Tobacco Division

The Nebraska State Patrol serves as the primary enforcement agency for the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission. In addition to liquor law enforcement, the patrol investigates the background of liquor license applicants and complaints of alleged violations and conducts licensed premise inspections. The patrol also provides training to retail liquor license holders regarding state law, the rules and regulations of the Liquor Control Commission and methods of detecting false identification.

Auto/Fuel Fraud Division

The Auto Fraud Division tracks stolen vehicles and educates key individuals about identification of false vehicle documents. The division promotes anti-auto fraud and public awareness programs and provides certification training to vehicle title inspectors. Fuel fraud personnel investigate fuel tax fraud, illegal use of dyed diesel fuel and consumer fraud involving fuel quality and quantity. The division also investigates fraud involving the nonpayment of tax and registration fees related to the sale and/or purchase of vehicles in Nebraska.

Crime Laboratory

The mission of the Nebraska State Patrol Crime Laboratory is to serve as a state leader in the field of forensic science serving law enforcement agencies statewide. Key functions include evidence analysis, operation of the state's DNA databank, expert court testimony and evidence collection and preservation training. The crime lab provides all services free of charge to Nebraska law enforcement and the criminal justice system.

Drug Investigations

Nebraska State Patrol drug investigators throughout the state investigate all levels of crime involving the manufacture, sale and distribution of illegal drugs. Investigators increasingly are focusing on identifying, infiltrating and dismantling upper-level drug trafficking organizations through cooperative efforts with the state's Drug Task Force units, most of which have a state patrol investigator assigned on a full time basis.

Hazardous Devices Squad

The Hazardous Devices Squad consists of six hazardous device technicians certified through the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Hazardous Devices School. The squad's responsibilities include responding to explosives calls, providing training in explosive recognition and awareness and enforcing laws regarding the purchase, use and storage of commercial explosives.

Technical Crimes Unit/Internet Crimes Against Children

The Technical Crimes Unit addresses the use of computers and electronic devices to commit fraud, identity theft and other related computer crimes. The Internet Crimes Against Children unit is one of 61 federally funded ICAC task forces in the United States. The unit works proactive and reactive cases involving child pornography and online enticement of children for sexual purposes. The unit also works with other agencies to investigate threats to the State of Nebraska's technology infrastructure.

Sex Offender Registry

The Sex Offender Registry was created to maintain records of convicted sex offenders. Program personnel determine the length of the mandatory registration period for each offender, track offenders' address and employment changes, conduct community notification and investigate violations of registry laws.

Field Services

Field Services include highway patrolling, crash investigations, motor carrier enforcement, SWAT team services and the Aviation Support, Community Policing and Police Service Dog divisions.

Aviation Support

The Aviation Support Division has pilots stationed in Lincoln and Ogallala. Three fixed-wing aircraft and one helicopter are used to enforce motor vehicle laws, conduct surveillance, search for missing persons and assist other law enforcement agencies.

Community Policing Division

The Nebraska State Patrol has officers dedicated to participate in community policing, which is a partnership between police and the communities they serve. The program is designed to identify problems and to develop solutions to these problems. Nebraska State Patrol Community Service Officers conduct or assist with a variety of programs, including the Metro Area Motorist Assist Program, Nebraska Motorist Assist Program, Central Nebraska Motorist Assist Program and Junior Law Program.

Police Service Dog Division

The Police Service Dog Division consists of 11 officers and their police service dogs. The dogs are trained to track suspects or missing persons, search buildings or vehicles for drugs and explosives, protect officers and apprehend suspects.

Department of Revenue

Office Address: 301 Centennial Mall South, Second Floor, P.O. Box 94818, Lincoln, NE 68509-4818, phone (402) 471-5729, toll-free taxpayer assistance line for Nebraska and Iowa 1-800-742-7474, website — revenue.nebraska.gov

Acting Tax Commissioner: Leonard J. Sloup

Statutory References: Nebraska Constitution, Article IV, Section 28; and 77-360

Publications: Statistical information annual report; Fund Summary Report; De-

partment of Revenue Annual Incentives Report; Tax Expenditure Report; and other reports required by law or for informational purposes

The Nebraska Department of Revenue, through the tax commissioner, has indirect authority over state revenues and directly administers major state tax revenues except liquor and insurance premium taxes.

A constitutional amendment in 1967 prohibited state government from using property tax revenues. To replace this revenue, the Legislature enacted a state sales and use tax and a state income tax. The sales and use tax became effective in 1967, and the income tax became effective in 1968.

The Department of Revenue prepares an annual report that includes statistical information on collected state taxes. This report is available at revenue.nebraska.gov.

Administration

The department is organized into six divisions: Compliance, Lottery and Charitable Gaming, Motor Fuels, Operations and Administrative Services, Policy and Property Assessment.

Compliance Division

The Compliance Division is responsible for:

- assuring fair and uniform payment and collection of all taxes due from Nebraska's tax system
- performing audit, legal and collection duties related to enforcement of Nebraska's tax laws
- investigating tax fraud and evasion
- administering tax incentive programs

Lottery and Charitable Gaming Division

Statutory Reference: 9-804 and 9-1,101

The Legislature established the Charitable Gaming Division in 1986 to regulate charitable gaming activities in Nebraska. In November 1992, Nebraska voters approved a constitutional amendment authorizing the creation of a state lottery. The Nebraska Lottery was created by LB138, passed by the 1993 Legislature.

The head of the Charitable Gaming Division also serves as the State Athletic Commissioner and is responsible for regulating mixed martial arts, professional wrestling and professional boxing in Nebraska.

The Lottery and Charitable Gaming Division:

- provides funds for its beneficiaries, including the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund, education as directed by the Legislature, the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund and the Nebraska State Fair Board.
- sells instant-win and online lottery games
- administers laws relating to bingo, keno, pickle cards and raffle and is responsible for licensing, policy and enforcement activities
- ensures that charitable gaming proceeds are accurately accounted for and used in a lawful manner

Motor Fuels Division

Statutory Reference: 66-738

The Motor Fuels Division:

- ensures compliance with state motor fuels tax laws
- provides assistance to taxpayers regarding motor fuels tax programs
- administers the motor fuels tax programs with an increased emphasis on audits, investigations and collections

Operations and Administrative Services Division

The Operations and Administrative Services Division:

- manages and administers the department's various resources to provide staff with information and services needed to deliver efficient and high quality service to the public
- is responsible for human resources, information and tax return processing, financial and accounting systems, procurement, facilities and technology management and support services for the department

Policy Division

The Policy Division:

- develops legislative and regulatory policies that clearly inform the public about Nebraska tax law
- conducts economic research, such as preparing the forecast of state receipts and estimating the tax impact of proposed legislation
- provides taxpayer assistance through educational information on the department's website, over phone or in person at educational seminars

Property Assessment Division

Statutory Reference: 77-701

On July 1, 1999, the Property Tax Division of the Department of Revenue became a separate agency, the Department of Property Assessment and Taxation. On July 1, 2007, the Department of Property Assessment and Taxation was reabsorbed by the Department of Revenue and became the Property Assessment Division.

The Property Assessment Division develops information in various formats that assists county assessors, and the payers and beneficiaries of property taxes, in making informed decisions concerning the quality of the assessment function of the Nebraska property tax system.

Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Board

Contact Person: Leonard J. Sloup, Acting Tax Commissioner, Nebraska Department of Revenue, 301 Centennial Mall South, Second Floor, P.O. Box 94818, Lincoln, NE 68509-4818, phone (402) 471-5805

Statutory Reference: 13-2601

In 1999, the Legislature created the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act to ensure that the state may receive long-term economic and fiscal benefits

from convention facilities. The board determined whether political subdivisions that file applications under this act qualify for state assistance.

Under the act, there can be no new applicants for state assistance after Dec. 31, 2012. However, the department continues to administer the state assistance as approved by the board for two successful applicants.

Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Board

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Statutory Reference: 13-3101

In 2010, the Legislature created the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act. The board determines whether political subdivisions that file applications under this act qualify for state assistance.

The board consists of the governor, state treasurer, chairperson of the Nebraska Investment Council, chairperson of the Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy and a professor of economics from a state postsecondary educational institution appointed by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

Members

Position

Bernie Gutschewski, Omaha.....	Chair, Nebraska State Board of Public Accountancy
Pete Ricketts, Lincoln/Omaha.....	Governor
Don Stenberg, Lincoln.....	State Treasurer
Eric Thompson, Lincoln	Director, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Bureau of Business Research
Gail Werner-Robertson, Omaha.....	Chairperson, Nebraska Investment Council

Total Property Taxes Levied in Nebraska, 1887-2013*

Year	Total Assessed Valuation ¹	Total State Levy in Mills	Total State Taxes Levied	Total Amount of State Taxes Levied	Total Amount of County Taxes Levied	Total Amount of City/Village Taxes Levied	Total Amount of Township Taxes Levied	Total Amount of School Taxes Levied	Total Amount of Other Taxes Levied ¹⁶	Grand Total All Property Taxes Levied
1887.....	160,506,266	8.13	1,305,659	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1897.....	165,193,736	7.15	1,181,919	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1907.....	329,413,349	7.00	2,305,893	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1917.....	528,891,424	8.48	4,484,999	-	-	-	-	-	-	51,600,457.36
1920.....	762,284,909	10.39	7,932,575	-	-	-	-	-	-	59,365,699.26
1921.....	3,212,737,091	3.30	10,930,607	-	-	-	-	-	-	55,967,004.92
1925.....	3,176,773,795	2.35	7,482,542	-	-	-	-	-	-	54,970,346.96
1926.....	3,177,159,318	1.80	5,718,886	-	-	-	-	-	-	66,028,255.91
1927.....	3,141,146,610	3.75	11,779,299	-	-	-	-	-	-	58,273,807.24
1928.....	3,125,855,462	2.06	6,439,262	-	-	-	-	-	-	59,442,398.97
1929.....	3,167,489,383	2.40	7,645,798	-	-	-	-	-	-	58,485,076.39
1930.....	3,102,050,571	2.34	7,258,798	-	-	-	-	-	-	56,424,184.07
1931.....	3,045,793,706	2.04	6,213,419	-	-	-	-	-	-	49,388,994.64
1932.....	2,521,000,981	2.37	5,974,772	-	-	-	-	-	-	42,906,527.94
1933.....	2,073,283,250	2.39	4,955,147	-	-	-	-	-	-	42,068,482.03
1934.....	2,059,678,928	2.10	4,424,207	-	-	-	-	-	-	43,878,947.41
1935.....	2,030,243,533	2.15	4,467,760	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,113,357.43
1936.....	2,060,835,168	1.76	3,732,183	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,024,422.95
1937.....	2,058,224,967	2.64	5,536,161	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,183,558.77
1938.....	2,033,302,482	2.68	6,213,375 ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	46,819,088.50
1939.....	2,047,519,591	2.61	6,111,012 ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	45,713,054.72
1940.....	1,922,271,788	2.57	5,751,790,31 ²	8,522,835.62	9,363,959.00	9,363,959.00	827,583.52	19,089,644.91	2,157,241.36	46,271,291.87
1941.....	1,949,775,725	2.71	6,114,720,49 ²	8,544,696.34	9,528,105.72	9,528,105.72	868,795.63	19,249,031.84	1,965,941.85	47,416,936.73
1942.....	2,042,442,436	2.39	5,892,250,53 ²	8,437,615.85	9,923,106.54	9,923,106.54	911,358.28	20,321,586.08	1,931,019.45	49,791,714.25
1943.....	2,123,882,890	2.48	6,434,989,90 ²	7,346,061.49	9,731,625.33	9,731,625.33	902,633.21	22,596,098.56	2,780,305.76	51,814,011.79
1944.....	2,115,063,748	2.54 ³	6,646,877,64 ²	7,089,268.72	9,635,450.57	9,635,450.57	918,210.88	24,661,371.55	2,862,832.43	57,511,244.81
1945.....	2,153,798,946	2.84 ⁴	7,341,696,98 ²	8,344,525.21	10,360,226.65	10,360,226.65	1,119,521.03	27,193,352.52	2,951,922.42	63,243,778.23
1946.....	2,160,972,214	3.30 ⁴	8,970,146,90 ²	8,895,475.72	11,392,713.44	11,392,713.44	1,299,012.87	29,212,466.96	3,473,962.23	81,396,348.29 ⁵
1947.....	2,315,369,866	5.99 ⁵	16,226,395,97 ²	10,021,306.17	12,190,072.88	12,190,072.88	1,528,623.29	37,887,372.40	3,202,980.14	90,287,562,48 ⁹
1948.....	2,499,222,769	5.26 ⁶	16,590,938,10 ²	11,128,634.02	14,026,147.84	14,026,147.84	1,829,223.68	43,285,645.46	3,163,184.71	98,664,524,15 ⁹
1949.....	2,640,565,444	5.86 ⁷	19,118,120,38 ²	12,798,837.04	15,451,581.85	15,451,581.85	2,081,642.94	45,907,269.75	3,005,280.95	107,576,591,44 ⁹
1950.....	2,719,489,576	5.76	19,519,763,708 ⁸	12,835,629.71	16,199,324.47	16,199,324.47	2,182,106.43	53,225,772.76	3,218,657.15	120,655,280,82 ⁹
1951.....	3,014,247,550	6.59	24,171,059,535 ⁸	14,358,354.06	18,371,648.03	18,371,648.03	2,296,761.71	58,205,008.79	2,621,995.26	122,746,136,67 ⁹
1952.....	3,104,475,679	6.98	27,025,733,011 ⁸	14,424,701.63	20,346,311.25	20,346,311.25	2,467,706.17	55,240,372.79	2,683,738.43	124,347,195,93 ⁹
1953.....	3,383,619,610	5.75	24,830,943,418 ⁸	14,194,973.78	21,824,327.76	21,824,327.76	2,480,913.40	57,896,786.43	2,621,022.59	128,041,382,23 ⁹
1954.....	3,043,753,089	6.69	20,820,539,57 ⁸	19,138,043.41	21,692,901.55	21,692,901.55	2,351,358.95	60,463,284.26	2,902,266.64	

* Source: Department of Revenue Property Assessment Division.

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1955.....	3,059,667,317	8.18	25,468,398.01 ⁸	21,939,063.84	22,761,837.33	2,171,542.77	66,811,906.76	2,856,726.27	142,627,627.96 ³
1956.....	2,958,572,814	8.09	24,388,599.86	22,741,831.79	23,187,048.99	1,974,012.50	70,246,466.64	3,094,990.67	146,212,379.98 ³
1957.....	2,968,251,035	8.23	24,949,837.30	24,081,108.68	23,784,781.65	1,891,013.32	75,396,263.55	2,795,780.66	153,524,482.99 ³
1958.....	3,026,479,555	7.97	24,598,189.28	25,162,038.00	25,912,038.00	2,010,803.07	81,258,148.92	2,789,387.21	161,513,035.51 ⁹
1959.....	3,175,363,640	8.45	27,742,734.00 ¹⁰	27,010,154.00 ¹⁰	26,916,580.00 ¹⁰	2,108,651.00	89,390,547.00 ¹⁰	1,823,095.00	175,700,835.00 ⁹
1960.....	3,212,814,395	8.43	27,084,022.00 ¹⁰	29,209,653.04	29,078,360.40	2,379,647.37	97,361,961.77	1,797,134.61	189,000,049.35
1961.....	3,278,007,212	8.41	27,568,040.00	30,288,018.92	31,089,977.95	2,416,917.37	102,502,803.84	2,283,652.45	198,260,199.20
1962.....	3,367,213,876	8.43	28,385,612.00	32,688,733.90	33,450,894.22	2,472,914.89	110,833,920.33	2,862,106.94	214,740,261.73
1963.....	3,458,065,766	9.80	33,871,754.77	35,173,883.83	35,679,276.30	2,665,803.87	120,789,718.01	3,508,721.12	235,101,945.65
1964.....	3,553,328,531	9.14	32,477,422.77	37,387,165.00	38,454,973.00	2,585,621.00	126,879,196.00	4,527,456.00	246,171,142.00
1965.....	3,824,944,306	11.73	44,866,596.73	42,191,781.00	42,010,524.00	2,526,240.00	137,366,909.00	5,595,374.00	278,511,202.00
1966.....	4,334,187,613	10.67	49,317,239.46	47,162,520.04	47,093,081.86	2,590,065.42	155,612,952.14	5,227,918.82	308,319,630.21
1967.....	4,425,081,231	-	-	52,228,134.16	47,711,381.94	2,772,969.00	188,637,979.46	2,673,756.93	296,865,045.75
1968.....	4,450,148,845	-	-	52,698,236.33	48,477,535.15	2,707,718.34	186,970,844.29	1,703,395.38	291,657,729.49
1969.....	5,134,365,585	-	-	55,240,378.58	52,225,096.24	2,978,619.20	207,010,518.22	1,877,520.28	319,322,132.65
1970.....	5,375,575,178	-	-	60,070,893.23	55,540,398.42	2,886,917.00	227,298,397.69	5,494,558.40	351,261,164.85
1971.....	5,537,901,733 ¹¹	-	-	67,941,724.18 ¹²	58,579,109.57 ¹²	3,021,725.63	253,055,623.67 ¹³	6,957,773.65	389,555,956.70
1972.....	5,731,535,854	-	-	66,815,345.18	59,850,069.91	3,067,721.90	268,140,216.20	11,841,962.08	409,715,315.27
1973.....	6,077,281,894	-	-	67,530,676.69	63,207,701.26	3,192,637.20	266,937,559.55	14,836,694.79	415,705,269.49
1974.....	6,503,268,242	-	-	79,948,378.28	69,070,859.84	3,583,457.94	283,085,525.68	16,840,654.20	452,228,855.94
1975.....	6,748,224,013	-	-	89,488,177.16	77,568,121.34	3,938,242.37	335,418,412.12	20,170,789.27	526,583,742.26
1976.....	7,017,779,158	-	-	97,559,784.14	84,249,910.50	4,169,473.22	390,698,319.60	20,334,040.50	597,011,527.96
1977.....	7,627,733,927	-	-	104,203,795.14	88,979,987.30	4,215,692.98	418,143,661.85	23,306,318.55	638,849,455.82
1978.....	7,613,655,151	-	-	92,085,281.43	91,670,649.88	4,302,523.80	419,938,308.46	28,324,536.08	636,321,799.65
1979.....	11,980,807,548	-	-	106,732,742.66	96,719,718.42	5,275,881.41	445,372,813.04	29,031,662.89	683,132,818.45
1980.....	12,671,717,612	-	-	118,268,175.56	111,624,847.08	5,563,853.87	444,546,095.81	29,078,338.43	708,671,290.75
1981.....	37,323,254,040 ¹⁴	-	-	127,122,316.17	119,606,762.19	5,885,564.33	490,175,200.88	31,251,930.94	774,041,774.51
1982.....	38,553,689,126	-	-	132,356,518.71	129,261,511.16	6,705,460.35	517,525,159.61	33,342,822.26	820,801,472.09
1983.....	41,035,051,624	-	-	145,712,192.81	137,795,517.73	7,478,969.60	569,523,724.12	35,387,354.34	893,894,758.60
1984.....	41,632,906,878	-	-	149,167,872.98	138,999,350.26	8,052,530.26	609,396,443.60	43,989,999.79	949,606,197.93
1985.....	44,606,914,842	-	-	156,689,853.19	136,371,552.53	8,278,854.46	662,053,133.94	51,428,651.23	1,015,272,045.31
1986.....	43,925,258,319	-	-	132,584,555.93	143,742,404.22	7,873,142.86	697,383,486.92	57,595,701.77	1,059,179,271.70
1987.....	44,309,579,823	-	-	154,933,400.94	145,524,398.57	7,690,335.05	731,285,985.70	61,851,081.68	1,109,975,101.94
1988.....	44,697,049,210	-	-	162,374,423.42	148,990,983.71	7,718,388.90	777,782,707.17	66,819,052.85	1,163,685,738.01
1989.....	49,991,878,637	-	-	176,918,895.88	159,159,888.88	7,860,447.76	874,714,424.69	72,335,081.60	1,291,928,680.84
1990.....	52,725,587,844	-	-	183,324,179.08	160,049,218.35	7,969,656.39	792,951,893.81	73,413,706.30	1,217,708,654.73
1991.....	54,041,010,920	-	-	193,159,277.33	164,070,911.90	8,080,419.88	813,288,636.89	78,448,202.84	1,257,047,448.83

Total Property Taxes Levied in Nebraska, 1887-2013 (Cont'd.)

Year	Total Assessed Valuation ¹	Total State Levy in Mills	Total Amount of State Taxes Levied	Total Amount of County Taxes Levied	Total Amount of City/Village Taxes Levied	Total Amount of Township Taxes Levied	Total Amount of School Taxes Levied	Total Amount of Other Taxes Levied ¹⁶	Grand Total All Property Taxes Levied
1992.....	56,004,491,961 ¹⁵	-	-	201,879,272.15	166,154,038.92	8,260,817.28	855,628,353.49	82,364,305.22	1,314,286,787.06
1993.....	57,861,622,350	-	-	218,962,439.61	171,372,563.13	8,553,226.25	929,381,710.83	85,595,621.83	1,413,865,561.65
1994.....	63,265,656,339	-	-	229,536,803.30	177,038,220.01	8,700,649.39	1,008,551,114.90	92,717,692.33	1,516,543,479.93
1995.....	66,323,588,789	-	-	240,542,678.67	189,442,108.16	8,864,252.86	977,130,665.94	168,914,201.08	1,584,893,906.72
1996.....	70,501,578,300	-	-	243,650,064.85	190,419,199.29	9,219,214.58	1,021,473,386.08	179,116,083.26	1,644,147,948.05
1997.....	69,048,638,885 ¹⁷	-	-	229,054,744.74	175,080,143.47	9,126,158.00	957,975,231.90	175,305,191.98	1,546,541,470.09
1998.....	74,603,633,524	-	-	227,198,972.00	175,402,964.00	8,487,915.00	897,530,846.00	165,051,939.00	1,471,472,636.00
1999.....	81,499,658,239	-	-	229,116,147.00	186,516,508.00	8,781,760.00	950,994,794.00	144,062,329.00	1,519,471,538.00
2000.....	88,307,553,325	-	-	242,907,650.00	190,534,175.00	8,976,206.00	1,043,281,114.00	154,882,574.00	1,640,581,719.00
2001.....	93,938,214,211	-	-	270,198,652.00	203,672,425.00	9,348,336.00	1,078,506,900.00	200,107,277.00	1,761,833,590.00
2002.....	98,162,679,918	-	-	292,056,327.00	210,563,949.00	9,489,701.00	1,143,578,889.00	212,457,717.00	1,868,146,583.00
2003.....	104,200,041,103	-	-	321,016,370.00	219,615,828.00	9,800,769.00	1,254,770,485.00	233,423,949.00	2,038,627,402.00
2004.....	109,123,243,710	-	-	340,066,873.00	226,999,695.00	10,233,494.00	1,307,534,623.00	254,165,416.00	2,139,540,101.00
2005.....	116,267,633,375	-	-	368,559,351.00	241,989,667.00	10,464,502.00	1,378,914,526.00	282,070,221.00	2,281,998,267.00
2006.....	125,064,178,626	-	-	393,816,418.00	253,672,669.00	11,102,880.00	1,474,275,271.00	309,196,343.00	2,442,063,581.00
2007.....	131,993,854,563	-	-	417,047,416.00	274,204,507.00	11,822,448.00	1,552,673,379.00	325,774,758.00	2,581,612,508.00
2008.....	139,910,063,115	-	-	442,543,981.00	290,516,115.00	12,601,710.00	1,632,162,008.00	395,028,998.00	2,772,852,812.00
2009.....	147,626,212,873	-	-	464,194,036.00	311,282,052.00	13,081,116.00	1,716,241,503.00	371,327,467.00	2,876,126,174.00
2010.....	154,005,148,221	-	-	492,464,502.00	320,814,632.00	13,925,087.00	1,778,846,009.00	385,030,621.00	2,991,080,851.00
2011.....	160,728,246,466	-	-	513,504,121.00	335,718,492.00	14,608,496.00	1,842,327,551.00	403,883,258.00	3,108,747,898.00
2012.....	169,958,724,711	-	-	541,757,212.00	346,010,815.00	15,099,242.00	1,922,638,277.00	411,764,206.00	3,231,879,749.00
2013.....	184,353,161,915	-	-	564,516,999.00	344,063,476.00	16,099,936.00	2,024,910,737.00	451,129,091.00	3,400,720,239.00

¹ From 1921 to 1952, property was assessed at full value instead of one-fifth value, as in past years. From 1953 to 1957, property was assessed at 50 percent of value. From 1959 to 1980, property was assessed at 35 percent of value. Starting in 1981, property has been assessed at full value.

² Includes tax levied by counties but remitted to state for hospitals for the "insane and feebleminded."

³ Includes one-tenth of a mill for reimbursing permanent school fund.

⁴ Includes one-tenth of a mill for reimbursing permanent school fund and .47 of a mill for Veterans Aid Fund Levy.

⁵ Includes one-tenth of a mill for historical society buildings, .44 of a mill for Veterans Aid Fund Levy and 1.10 mills for Building Fund Levy.

⁶ Includes .41 of a mill for Veterans Aid Fund Levy and 1.10 mills for Building Fund Levy.

⁷ Includes .38 of a mill for Veterans Aid Fund Levy and 1.10 mills for Building Fund Levy.

⁸ Includes Douglas County Tax Appraisal Board Taxes and Veterans Aid Fund, 1950-55.

⁹ Includes Rural Fire District Taxes, Road District Taxes and Grain and Seed Taxes, 1947-79.

¹⁰ Includes Head Tax.

Footnotes (Cont'd.)

- ¹¹ Homestead exemption amount of \$6.3 million.
- ¹² State aid to cities and counties amount to \$12.6 million annually.
- ¹³ State aid to public schools amount to \$35 million annually.
- ¹⁴ Actual value.
- ¹⁵ In 1992, Nebraska changed the valuation methodology for personal property from market value to a depreciated net book basis. See *Nebraska Department of Revenue Annual Report*, Page 83.
- ¹⁶ Reflects taxes levied for rural fire districts, natural resources districts, educational service units, community colleges and miscellaneous districts.
- ¹⁷ 1997 value excludes motor vehicle values per LB271, passed in 1997.

Assessment of Nebraska Real Property, Personal Tangible and Intangible Property, and Railroads, 1867-2013*

Year	Total Assessed Valuation	Real Property ¹⁶	Real Property Assessment	Personal Property (Tangible) Exclusive of Railroad	Personal Property Percent of Total Assessment	Railroad Property	Railroad Property Assessment	Railroad Property Percent of Total Assessment	Total Intangible Personal Property
1867	\$ 20,069,222	\$ 12,101,211	60.30	\$ 6,889,961	34.33	\$ 1,078,050	5.37		\$ 1,064,638
1877	71,311,578	46,833,647	65.67	16,130,095	22.62	8,347,836	11.71		2,199,341
1887	160,506,266	96,358,889	60.03	40,546,015	25.26	23,601,362	14.70		4,032,794
1897	165,193,736	112,908,973	68.39	26,605,662	16.11	25,619,101 ¹	15.51		2,272,418
1907	329,413,349	192,933,917	58.57	83,081,460 ²	25.22	53,397,972	16.21		15,361,496
1917	528,891,424	352,057,625	66.57	119,978,346	22.68	56,855,453	10.75		16,418,836
1920	762,284,909	540,197,502	70.87	160,788,213	21.09	160,299,188	8.04		20,267,538
1921	3,212,737,091 ³	2,366,548,145	73.66	539,068,627	16.78	307,120,316	9.56		84,235,452
1922	3,202,705,714	2,293,043,094 ⁴	71.60	594,032,740	18.55	315,629,880	9.86		141,266,092 ⁵
1925	3,176,773,795 ⁶	2,356,963,175	74.19	506,667,668	15.95	313,42,952	9.86		151,642,492 ⁷
1926	3,177,159,318	2,376,019,296	74.78	488,050,275	15.36	313,089,747	9.85		144,582,220
1927	3,141,146,610	2,391,522,671	76.14	468,475,552	14.91	281,148,387	8.95		142,235,872
1928	3,125,855,462	2,400,614,031	76.80	466,799,354	14.93	258,442,077	8.27		172,562,291
1929	3,167,489,383	2,409,769,335	76.08	497,716,692	15.71	260,003,356	8.21		300,783,204 ⁸
1930	3,102,050,571	2,357,541,588	76.00	484,373,892	15.61	260,135,091	8.39		242,115,851
1931	3,045,793,706	2,358,299,796	77.43	434,652,071	14.27	252,841,839	8.30		206,321,388
1932	2,521,000,981	1,965,705,448	77.97	334,338,251	13.26	220,957,282	8.76		150,962,544
1933	2,073,283,250	1,598,243,869	77.09	291,457,726	14.06	183,581,655	8.85		119,704,144
1934	2,059,678,928	1,587,987,654	77.10	304,087,911	14.76	167,603,363	8.14		103,080,003
1935	2,030,243,553	1,587,710,975	78.20	296,795,706	14.62	145,736,852	7.18		104,081,555
1936	2,060,835,168	1,581,278,483	76.73	331,270,590	16.07	148,286,095	7.20		110,960,397
1937	2,038,224,967	1,580,200,530	76.77	318,594,227	15.48	159,430,210	7.75		115,662,946
1938	2,033,302,482	1,575,646,085	77.49	314,819,092	15.48	142,837,305	7.02		106,260,614
1939	2,047,519,591	1,573,350,879	76.84	335,457,787	16.38	138,710,925	6.77		112,891,068
1940	1,922,271,788	1,457,849,933	75.84	333,129,615	17.33	131,292,240	6.83		114,623,255
1941	1,949,775,725	1,463,623,407	75.07	355,189,958	18.22	130,962,360	6.72		133,246,090
1942	2,042,442,436	1,448,884,200	70.94	457,905,661	22.42	135,632,575	6.64		142,369,989
1943	2,123,882,890	1,450,987,413	68.32	531,938,227	25.05	140,957,250	6.64		169,066,125
1944	2,115,063,748	1,453,194,829	68.71	517,587,944	24.47	144,280,975	6.82		215,206,984
1945	2,153,798,946	1,453,766,320	67.50	551,837,526	25.62	148,195,100	6.88		243,865,914
1946	2,160,972,214	1,482,406,559	68.60	529,705,150	24.51	148,860,505	6.89		318,114,173
1947	2,315,569,866	1,488,397,061	64.28	674,712,300	29.14	152,260,505	6.58		413,462,649
1948	2,499,222,769	1,533,713,684	61.37	811,321,135	32.46	154,187,950	6.17		474,139,556

* Source: Department of Revenue Property Assessment Division

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Year	Total Assessed Valuation	Real Property ¹⁶	Real Property Percent of Total Assessment	Personal Property (Tangible) Exclusive of Railroad	Personal Property Percent of Total Assessment	Railroad Property Percent of Total Assessment	Total Intangible Personal Property
1949.....	2,640,565,444	1,557,543,971	58.90	927,048,668	35.11	155,972,805	500,682,682
1950.....	2,719,489,560	1,586,594,626	58.34	978,066,444	35.96	154,828,490	507,602,933
1951.....	3,014,247,550	1,610,856,676	53.44	1,246,515,574	41.35	156,875,300	555,907,085
1952.....	3,104,475,679	1,670,371,892 ¹	53.81	1,275,736,527	41.09	158,367,260	573,707,391
1953.....	3,383,619,610 ¹⁰	2,255,487,203	66.66	970,874,127	28.69	157,258,280	616,303,295
1954.....	3,043,753,089	2,030,914,111	66.72	870,580,928	28.60	142,258,050	630,066,852 ¹¹
1955.....	3,059,667,319	2,072,888,026	68.04	839,224,448	27.11	147,554,845	696,306,628
1956.....	2,955,664,238	2,099,906,982	71.05	717,248,081	24.25	138,509,175	681,728,426
1957.....	2,968,251,035	2,113,714,760	71.21	829,518,930	27.95	138,319,455	717,252,624
1958.....	3,192,817,877	2,174,291,860	68.10	849,636,484	26.61	134,401,405	762,321,077
1959.....	3,175,691,135	2,205,839,408	69.46	833,861,697	26.25	135,990,130	1,240,857,320
1960.....	3,212,807,088	2,243,524,342	69.83	870,120,735	27.10	93,162,011	1,529,115,007
1961.....	3,278,007,212	2,318,617,271	70.73	866,017,201	26.40	93,372,740	1,584,952,524
1962.....	3,367,213,876	2,371,833,963	70.43	902,065,914	26.78	89,224,590	-
1963.....	3,438,065,766	2,424,048,733	70.10	945,614,038	27.24	88,402,995	2,108,598,300
1964.....	3,535,328,531	2,470,718,926	69.53	995,617,495	28.02	86,933,110	2,501,310,940
1965.....	3,824,944,306	2,732,479,530	71.44	1,001,128,073	26.17	86,529,081	2,652,907,328
1966.....	4,334,187,613	3,159,596,852	72.90	1,086,309,231	25.06	88,281,530	2,884,000,414
1967.....	4,250,081,231	2,984,666,685	70.23	1,175,988,689	27.67	89,425,857	2,863,209,129
1968.....	4,468,372,540	3,200,919,638	71.63	1,176,104,251	26.32	91,348,451	- ¹²
1969.....	5,134,478,973	3,849,257,487	74.97	1,199,053,359	22.35	86,187,927	-
1970.....	5,375,575,178	3,998,915,338	74.39	1,291,269,257	24.02	85,390,583	-
1971.....	5,537,901,733	4,098,047,282	74.00	1,355,531,749	24.48	84,322,702	-
1972.....	5,731,535,854	4,225,861,385	73.73	1,422,997,118	24.83	82,677,351	-
1973.....	6,077,281,894	4,399,344,363	72.39	1,595,208,108	26.25	82,729,423	-
1974.....	5,032,668,242	4,545,771,789	69.90	1,869,689,620	28.75	87,806,833	-
1975.....	6,748,224,013	4,714,977,422	69.87	1,936,470,363	28.70	96,776,228	-
1976.....	7,014,552,162	4,870,738,201	69.43	2,033,928,295	29.00	109,885,666	-
1977.....	7,617,569,159	5,090,179,350	66.82	2,408,764,867	31.62	118,424,942	-
1978.....	7,497,203,141	5,809,800,395	77.49	1,582,305,010	21.80	105,097,736	-
1979.....	11,709,501,051	9,921,248,413	84.73	1,616,594,675	13.80	171,657,963	-
1980.....	12,595,238,136	10,766,455,938	85.48	1,650,872,705	13.11	177,909,493	-
1981.....	37,323,254,040 ¹³	31,606,074,891	84.92	5,049,099,285	13.53	578,079,864	-
1982.....	38,553,689,126	32,288,596,653	83.75	5,684,471,669	14.75	579,620,804	-

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Year	Total Assessed Valuation	Real Property ¹⁶	Real Property Percent of Total Assessment	Personal Property (Tangible) Exclusive of Railroad	Personal Property Percent of Total Assessment	Railroad Property Percent of Total Assessment	Total Intangible Personal Property
1883	41,035,051,624	34,064,660,796	83.01	6,327,056,917	15.42	643,333,917	1.57
1884	41,632,906,878	34,384,265,705	82.59	6,659,041,648	15.99	589,599,525	1.42
1885	44,606,914,842	37,104,591,262	83.18	6,870,176,725	15.40	632,146,855	1.42
1886	43,923,238,319	35,970,585,552	81.89	7,176,500,759	16.34	778,112,028	1.77
1887	44,309,579,823	35,996,445,550	81.24	7,447,918,983	16.81	865,215,290	1.95
1888	44,697,049,210	36,393,161,035	81.42	7,397,672,672	16.55	906,215,503	2.03
1889	49,991,878,637	40,829,220,012	81.67	8,435,065,040	16.87	727,593,585	1.46
1890	52,725,587,844	43,171,451,761	81.88	8,789,762,416	16.67	764,373,667	1.45
1891	54,041,010,920	44,186,914,412	81.77	9,092,048,991	16.82	762,047,517	1.41
1892	56,004,491,961	46,377,140,154	82.81	8,823,435,894	15.75	803,915,913	1.44
1893	57,861,622,350	47,341,319,554	81.82	9,696,217,529	16.76	824,085,267	1.42
1894	63,265,656,295	52,051,782,739	82.27	10,285,974,593	16.26	927,898,963	1.47
1895	66,323,588,789	54,630,627,888	82.37	10,666,680,980 ¹⁴	16.08	1,026,279,921	1.55
1896	70,501,578,300	57,924,806,143	82.16	11,482,465,515	16.29	1,094,306,642	1.55
1897	69,048,638,885	62,016,909,786	89.82	5,891,413,763 ¹⁵	8.53	1,140,315,336	1.65
1898	74,603,633,524	67,008,740,898	89.82	6,449,831,324	8.65	1,145,061,302	1.53
1899	81,499,638,239	73,225,029,337	89.85	6,915,801,938	8.48	1,358,826,964	1.67
2000	88,307,553,325	79,685,257,667	90.24	7,119,165,417	8.06	1,503,130,241	1.70
2001	93,938,214,211	84,953,847,915	90.44	7,345,914,312	7.82	1,638,451,985	1.74
2002	98,162,679,918	88,843,723,480	90.51	7,609,223,132	7.75	1,709,733,306	1.74
2003	104,200,041,103	94,695,127,160	90.88	7,765,667,307	7.45	1,739,246,636	1.67
2004	109,123,243,710	99,963,078,318	91.61	7,279,339,135	6.67	1,880,826,257	1.72
2005	116,267,633,375	107,098,752,213	92.11	7,532,059,132	6.51	1,856,822,030	1.58
2006	125,064,178,626	115,873,475,468	92.65	7,296,098,925	5.83	1,894,604,233	1.51
2007	131,993,854,563	122,498,199,691	92.81	7,576,334,819	5.74	1,919,320,053	1.45
2008	139,910,063,115	129,349,834,846	92.45	8,425,595,986	6.02	2,134,632,284	1.53
2009	147,626,212,873	135,251,012,262	91.62	9,987,067,812	6.77	2,388,132,800	1.62
2010	154,005,148,221	140,544,220,029	91.26	10,689,035,035	6.94	2,771,893,157	1.80
2011	160,728,246,466	147,109,647,837	91.55	10,258,273,110	6.38	3,360,325,519	2.09
2012	169,958,724,711	154,935,309,785	91.16	11,337,159,368	6.67	3,686,255,558	2.17
2013	184,353,161,915	168,164,750,773	91.22	12,273,828,604	6.66	3,914,582,538	2.12

¹⁴Total contains valuation of railroad and pullman cars. Prior to 1889, no provision was made for the separate assessment of sleeping cars and dining cars.

¹⁵In this table, pullman car valuations have been included in the personal property, beginning with 1907.

Footnotes (Cont'd.)

- ³From 1921 to 1952, property was assessed at full value instead of one-fifth value, as in past years.
- ⁴Purchasers' interest in state lands included.
- ⁵Intangible property was assessed at one-fourth its actual value from 1922 to 1924, inclusive.
- ⁶From 1925, the total assessment does not include valuation of intangible property, Classes A and B.
- ⁷Intangible property was divided into two classes, A and B, in 1925. The levy on Class A intangible property was 2 1/2 mills; on Class B, 5 mills.
- ⁸In 1929, the levy on Class B intangible property was raised to 8 mills.
- ⁹Includes mineral interests.
- ¹⁰From 1953 to 1957, property was assessed at 50 percent of value. From 1958 to 1980, property was assessed at 35 percent of value.
- ¹¹From 1954, the levy on Class B intangible property was 4 mills.
- ¹²Tax on intangible property repealed.
- ¹³LB187 in 1979 changed the level of assessment from 35 percent of actual value to 100 percent of actual value starting in 1981.
- ¹⁴Agricultural livestock personal property exempted.
- ¹⁵1997 value excludes motor vehicle values per LB271, passed in 1997.
- ¹⁶Real property excludes centrally assessed railroads and public service entities.

Department of Roads

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Statutory Reference: 81-101

The Department of Roads is the state agency responsible for highway, bridge, rail, public transit and other surface transportation programs. The department's duties include planning, design, construction, maintenance, operations and federal program administration.

The 1895 Legislature established the State Board of Irrigation, which was changed to the State Board of Irrigation, Highways and Drainage in 1911. In 1919, the board became the Department of Public Works and included the Bureau of Roads and Bridges, the Bureau of Irrigation, Water Power and Drainage and the Motor Vehicle Records Division. The department became the Department of Roads and Irrigation in 1933. The 1957 Legislature changed the name to Department of Roads and transferred the other functions to the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Water Resources. The Nebraska State Patrol became part of the Department of Roads in 1937, but became a separate agency in 1982.

Director

The director is the department's chief executive officer. The director's responsibilities include:

- implementing objectives established by the Legislature and the governor consistent with an integrated transportation system, including highway, rail and public transportation programs
- directing the planning, design, construction, maintenance, operations and administration of the department
- maintaining relationships with federal, county and municipal governments, other state agencies and private entities in matters pertaining to an improved and integrated state transportation system
- developing a performance-based Department of Roads

Government Affairs Office

The Government Affairs Office is directly responsible to the director/state engineer. The office:

- coordinates the department's rules and regulations, including preparation, adoption, revision and repeal
- monitors and coordinates state and federal legislation affecting or of interest to the department
- acts as the department's tribal liaison
- certifies Incentive Fund payments to counties and municipalities and verifies local matching of Highway Allocation Funds

- provides examination preparation instruction for licensing candidates and general instruction for local officials and consultants in reporting, accountability and standards pertaining to road and street programs
- provides administrative support to the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards and the Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents

Bridge Division

The Bridge Division has seven sections: bridge design (two), hydrology and hydraulics, in-service bridges, bridge inventory, bridge management and data and research. The division is responsible for:

- managing all bridges on the state highway system
- determining the specific scope of bridge preservation or improvements
- providing hydraulic/hydrologic studies and assessments at bridge sites
- preparing complete bridge plans and special structure plans
- inspecting in-service bridges to determine condition and load rating
- maintaining a record of bridges within the state
- coordinating bridge-related research activities
- reviewing bridge consultant engineering work, including hydrology/hydraulics, bridge design, inspection, load rating and research

Business Technology Support Division

The Business Technology Support Division has two sections: technical services and project management. The division is responsible for:

- providing data processing technical services to the department's users providing LAN service operations (including backups and disaster recovery), facsimile and computer production control services for the department
- identifying, tagging, entering and maintaining the inventory of computer hardware and software
- scheduling the use of computer resources to optimize their use and service to the department
- participating in evaluating, selecting and procuring computer hardware, software and supplies for the computer operations function
- providing liaison with the Office of the CIO on computer or data communication operation, service and on technical services matters
- providing liaison with DAS/Material on IT hardware and software purchasing
- providing Help Desk services, including logging and assigning reported hardware, software and application problems to appropriate BTSD staff for resolution
- determining if application development solutions should be purchased, developed by utilizing consultant services or developed by BTSD or department personnel
- developing, implementing and administering project management standards, policies, methodologies and best practices to ensure project delivery is done efficiently
- providing technical support for department-wide applications such as MicroStation, Falcon, GIS, Crystal Enterprise and others

- developing, maintaining, and administering the various databases that store mission critical and other data that is utilized by applications throughout the department
- communicating and working with the Office of the CIO on matters concerning application development, integration and implementation

Communication Division

The Communication Division is directly responsible to the deputy director for operations and has the following sections: highway communication and public affairs and communication services. The division is responsible for:

- developing and reviewing policies, programs and procedures concerning agency communication, public affairs and public involvement
- preparing and distributing information, news releases, pamphlets, brochures, newsletters and motorist advisories on highway projects, coordinating the biennial state highway map, overseeing media relations, customer service and coordinating/maintaining the department's website and multi media
- preparing, coordinating and facilitating public hearings, public meetings and public involvement for highway improvement projects
- providing transportation information resources, coordinating records and archival management, providing information processing, photo, video and multi graphics, engineering blueprints/plan printing, copying and agency mail services

Construction Division

The Construction Division has the following sections: plan review, specification and estimating, construction scheduling, contracts, contract administration, bituminous and concrete, final estimates review, external civil rights/disadvantaged business enterprise, grading and structures and TRNS•Port software. The division is responsible for:

- activities relating to the letting and administration of construction contracts
- policies and actions pertaining to construction activities, standards, techniques, manuals and uniformity of application of specifications, special provisions, and inspection
- creating estimates for each job from preliminary to letting estimates
- checking and assembling final plans and proposals
- reviewing each job for constructability and determining construction working days
- prequalifying contractors, holding bid lettings, and preparing all final contracts
- monitoring all construction contract activities once contracts are signed, such as notice to proceed, subcontracts, insurance and change orders
- resolving construction issues from the field
- administering the disadvantaged business enterprise and external EEO programs
- monitoring labor rate issues

Controller Division

The Controller Division has the following sections: budget and finance, accounting, financial systems and audit. The division is responsible for:

- advising on department financial matters and compliance with state statutes

and federal laws

- financial planning and programming, revenue and expenditure projections, budgeting, fund controls, financial analysis and innovative financing techniques
- accounting, budgeting, cash flow management, project finance and related systems
- analyzing proposed state and federal transportation legislation and interpreting statutes and laws
- conducting financial management analysis to determine current and future highway construction program size and to make informed business decisions

Human Resources Division

The Human Resources Division has the following sections: employee services and safety, workforce development, classification, compensation, recruitment and EEO, employee performance and civil rights coordination. The division is responsible for:

- administering the department Workforce Development Program, including leadership development
- administering state and department human resources policies, including the department Human Resources Policies and Procedures Manual, rules and regulations, the labor contract, state and federal statutes and regulatory agency guidelines
- administering procedures for labor relations, disciplinary actions, grievance resolution, performance management, mediation, recruitment, classification and compensation, benefits, FLSA, EEO/AA/ADA/diversity, safety and training programs
- administering the employee safety, workers compensation, family medical leave, catastrophic illness, employee assistance, drug and alcohol testing, driving records, employee recognition, wellness and suggestion system programs
- developing policies and procedures for the administration of the department payroll, time reporting and leave accounting systems
- administering the department's civil rights program

Materials and Research Division

The Materials and Research Division has the following sections: portland cement concrete, flexible pavement and quality assurance, pavement design, geotechnical, road-way asset management, research and administration support and the AASHTOWare project. The division is responsible for:

- developing material specifications and quality control standards
- determining pavement type, thickness and associated plan quantities
- inspecting, testing and reporting of construction and maintenance materials
- coordinating and/or providing certification programs for field technicians
- performing field investigations to determine material performance
- preparing material sampling guide
- determining the 20-year needs for the state's highway system
- providing pavement management reports and maintaining the pavement inventory
- providing soil and aggregate requirements
- managing and coordinating the research program
- maintaining statewide mapping and classification needs

- developing, maintaining and providing technical support for the department wide AASHTOWare project and GIS needs
- coordinating programs and projects for local agencies involving federal and state aid
- managing and coordinating the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Local Technical Assistance Program
- reviewing local public agency qualifications and assisting with training needs

Operations Division

The Operations Division has two sections: operations/intelligent transportation and maintenance. The division is responsible for:

- promoting, coordinating, facilitating and assisting in all Homeland Security activities
- formulating and implementing policies, procedures and programs pertaining to Homeland Security
- administration and development of departmental emergency operations plan, assisting and coordinating information and activities for snow storms, floods and other emergencies
- researching, planning, implementing, evaluating and promoting transportation technology to establish and maintain an intelligent transportation system
- developing, implementing and monitoring the department's communications network and traffic signal equipment
- constructing, maintaining and repairing capital facilities
- implementing and monitoring policies governing rest areas and environmental issues
- administering the statewide Adopt-A-Highway, hay harvesting and mowing programs
- preparing agreements with local governmental units who assume responsibilities for the maintenance of roads, streets and bridges within their jurisdiction
- managing the department's fleet
- developing specifications for and requisitioning of all numbered equipment components, accessories and shop equipment
- administering the state gas system and the Voyager fleet credit card system
- initiating actions relative to the procurement of all stocked and non-stocked items required by the department
- overseeing, in conjunction with the Nebraska State Patrol, the development, maintenance, support, enhancement and use of the 511 Traveler Information System
- developing, maintaining, supporting and enhancing the Highway Conditions Reporting System software product

Planning and Project Development Division

The Planning and Project Development Division has the following sections: environmental, planning and location studies, agreements and consultant services and utilities, noise and air. The division is responsible for:

- providing project scoping documents and corridor studies on selected highway projects and coordinating with local, state and federal agencies to assist in the evaluation of engineering alternatives and effects associated with highway projects
- obtaining environmental approvals, 404 permits and floodplain permits
- preparing, negotiating and administering engineering and other agreements with utilities, consultants and political subdivisions
- providing liaison with utility companies
- providing long range collaborative planning statewide
- conducting traffic counts and providing travel demand modeling
- developing and managing the department's outcome-based performance measures
- providing liaison with local officials on community planning, design of noise abatement and air studies

Program Management Division

The Program Management Division includes the scheduling and programming sections. The division is responsible for:

- developing and managing the one- and six-year highway construction program with input from district engineers and the State Highway Commission
- developing a highway construction program that balances time, personnel, funds and needs scheduling the preconstruction process of all projects and coordinating the schedules with all levels of management
- maintaining computer databases with information about projects under the department's jurisdiction
- directing and accomplishing functions necessary to program and fund federal-aid projects with the Federal Highway Administration
- preparing the annual Statewide Transportation Improvement Program

Rail and Public Transportation Division

The Rail and Public Transportation Division has one section: motor carrier permits/public transit. The division is responsible for:

- issuing overweight and overdimensional permits and administering department rules and regulations for overweight and overdimensional vehicles and permits
- administering the Nebraska Grade Crossing Protection Program, federal rail safety funds and all agreements with railroads where highway improvements impact railroad facilities
- administering federal and state transit assistance programs

Right of Way Division

The Right of Way Division has the following sections: appraisal, negotiation and relocation, highway beautification, property management and right of way design. The division is responsible for:

- providing all real estate services to the Department of Roads
- creating right of way plans and developing legal descriptions of all real estate acquired for construction and maintenance programs

- making and reviewing appraisals establishing the value of land and interests in land
- negotiating for and purchasing real estate needed by the DOR
- managing the DOR's newly purchased property until project construction begins
- disposing of surplus real estate
- providing relocation assistance payments and services to those displaced by the

DOR

- managing the DOR's highway beautification program
- issuing use and occupancy permits to those wishing to occupy the DOR's right of way
- monitoring local public agencies' right of way activities to ensure compliance with applicable federal and state law and rules and regulations

Roadway Design Division

The Roadway Design Division has the following sections: design support, interstate, expressways and major arterials group, urban, resurfacing and lighting and hydraulics and environmental liaison. The division is responsible for:

- determining the specific location and scope of highway improvements
- preparing complete roadway plans for the state highway system
- reviewing the one- and five-year Highway Improvement Program
- conducting value engineering reviews
- maintaining the department's design manual and standard and special plans
- performing land, geodetic and aerial surveys
- providing hydraulic/hydrologic study and assessments
- providing recommendations to the districts on right of way permit applications

Traffic Engineering Division

The Traffic Engineering Division has the following sections: traffic control, traffic analysis, highway safety/accident records and the Office of Highway Safety. The division is responsible for:

- making recommendations for the functional design features of intersections, interchanges and other highway facilities
- designing signs, signals, pavement markings and other traffic control devices and preparing standards and policies for installation and maintenance
- continuing surveillance of the highway system to identify high-accident and congested locations, conducting studies of the locations and recommending or implementing actions to improve conditions
- maintaining the statewide traffic accident database
- maintaining the fatal accident reporting system database
- performing statistical analyses and preparing reports for purposes of increased highway and traffic safety
- coordinating the state property damage system
- identifying areas of loss to the agency through a risk management program
- coordinating the state's strategic highway safety plan

In 2009, the Office of Highway Safety was transferred from the Department of Motor Vehicles to the Department of Roads. This section is financed primarily with federal funding. The director of the agency serves as the governor's highway safety representative. The section is responsible for providing assistance for state and local highway safety projects and administering the state highway safety program.

Field Districts

The Field Districts are responsible for all construction and maintenance of highways within their areas.

Headquarters for the Department of Roads field districts are:

District 1	Lincoln	District 5	Gering
District 2	Omaha	District 6	North Platte
District 3	Norfolk	District 7	McCook
District 4	Grand Island	District 8	Ainsworth

Roads Section of the Department of Justice

The attorney general established the Roads Section of the Department of Justice, and it is housed by the Department of Roads. This section provides all legal representation and counseling concerning the legal business of the Department of Roads.

Department of Veterans' Affairs

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Director: John Hilgert

Statutory Reference: 80-401.02

The Department of Veterans' Affairs, created in 1947, serves as the advocacy agency for Nebraska's 142,443 veterans. The department, led by a director appointed by the governor and approved by the Legislature, administers the interest from the Nebraska Veterans' Aid Trust Fund to provide temporary assistance to needy veterans and their dependents.

The agency has five state veterans' service officers who represent veterans and their dependents before the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs.

The department operates the Nebraska State Veterans Cemetery in Alliance and maintains the Nebraska Veterans Registry. The department also administers the state's waiver of tuition and Reserve Tuition Credit programs and serves as the state's custodian of veteran discharges and grave registrations.

The director certifies the statutory eligibility of county veterans' service officers. The director must reside in Nebraska five years prior to his or her appointment, be a U.S. citizen and be an honorably discharged veteran during a period designated by Nebraska law. The Veterans' Advisory Commission is the agency's oversight body.

Veterans' Advisory Commission

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Statutory Reference: 80-401.06

The Veterans' Advisory Commission provides counsel to the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs on matters concerning veterans' advocacy and administration of the agency. The commission also approves those hired by the director for state veterans' service officer positions.

The commission also serves as the appeals board on decisions made by the department for Nebraska Veterans' Aid Fund claims.

The commission's five members are appointed by the governor to five-year terms. Each of the three congressional districts has one commissioner and two commissioners serve at large. Each commissioner must have lived in Nebraska for five years prior to appointment, be considered a wartime veteran under Nebraska law, have been honorably discharged and be a member of a recognized veterans' organization.

The commission is required to meet twice each year. Members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Position	Term Expires
Jim Cada, Lincoln.....	At Large.....	March 1, 2015
Virgil A. Hagel, Gordon	At Large.....	March 1, 2017

John Iossi, Columbus	District 1.....	March 1, 2018
John Liebsack, Omaha	District 2.....	March 1, 2019
Billy C. Smith, Palisade.....	District 3.....	March 1, 2016

Veterans’ Homes Board

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Statutory Reference: 80-318

The Veterans’ Homes Board was established to determine continued eligibility of members to remain in one of the Nebraska veterans’ homes. The board makes all final determinations regarding admission, or continued admission. The board also makes recommendations on matters of policy, rules and regulations, administration and maintenance pertaining to each of the Nebraska veterans’ homes.

The board is composed of two members selected by each of the state’s recognized veterans’ organizations. The Department of Veterans’ Affairs director serves as the permanent board secretary. Board members are not paid but are reimbursed for expenses.

Member	Represents
Bernard Brosnihan, Omaha.....	AMVETS
Jim Cada, Lincoln.....	Military Order of the Purple Heart
Roger Franklin, Omaha.....	Disabled American Veterans
Virgil Hagel, Gordon.....	American Legion
John Hilgert, Omaha	Director, Department of Veterans’ Affairs
Gregory Holloway, Bee	Vietnam Veterans of America
John Liebsack, Omaha	Veterans of Foreign Wars
Richard McKibben, Omaha	American Legion
Chuck Ogle, Kearney	Disabled American Veterans
Dennis Schissel, Weston.....	Vietnam Veterans of America
John Scott, Crescent, Iowa	Paralyzed Veteran of America
Randy Squier, Glenwood, Iowa	Paralyzed Veterans of America
Dennis Sweeney, Omaha.....	AMVETS
Jim Varejcka, Hickman.....	Military Order of the Purple Heart
Eric Williams, Geneva.....	Veterans of Foreign Wars